

The end is in sight!

From March 8th 2020, all children will return to school. This makes the staff (and possibly a few parents) very happy!

We are mostly ready for the return, with plans having been made over the last 6 weeks. However, we now need to wait to read any specific guidance that will be issued to us. This will inform us of any changes we need to make to the existing system of controls and we will, as always, be implementing these fully.

Throughout the pandemic, I've taken a very cautious approach to having lots of people in the school building and grounds. Our risk assessments have been externally assessed as being extremely detailed and thorough. I have introduced measures beyond those that were required - for example, we try to ensure that staff don't generally cross bubbles, even though this is - and always has been - allowed. All adults, including yourselves, wore face coverings before it was deemed necessary and children are outside often.

This cautious approach will continue. Whilst we are overjoyed that a promised end is in sight, it is vital that we don't do anything to jeopardise the process. So we will still have strict rules in place and - as always - these will not be optional. Any rules I introduce are made with safety in mind and I hope that you will continue to support me in implementing these rules.

Over the next two weeks, I will be reviewing all our risk assessments, policies and procedures connected with COVID19. I don't expect much to change, as our system of controls has been extremely effective up to this point. We have experienced very little disruption compared to others who have regularly been closing and re-closing bubbles. I will, of course, keep you fully informed and would urge you not to contact the school office for information, unless it is an urgent matter.

As a school community, we have done an amazing job in coping over the last year. We have achieved this by pulling together and working as one big team to ensure the safety of all and that our children continue to thrive. Please, please, please continue to do this, by following the rules designed to keep everyone safe.

The end is in sight but we cannot act as if we've reached the end already. One last push is required, one final effort to stick to the rules, to keep everyone safe. I have absolutely no doubt that our amazing school community will continue to do everything it can to achieve this. Thank you for your ongoing support. It is, as always, very much appreciated.