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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and safe and feeling positive about the news of returning to school that we received this week. We would like to happily confirm that we will be welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

As always, we will act within the guidance from Public Health and the Local Authority and review all the safety measures we have in place in readiness for a safe return. I will email again next week to share further information and reminders around safety and the logistics of returning e.g. staggered start and end times etc, which thankfully will remain the same as they did prior to closure.

In the meantime, I would like to signpost you to some valuable resources which may help to support the transition of coming back to school from the <u>Healthy Futures Calderdale</u> YouTube channel.

COVID-19: a guide to keeping safe and staying well-informed Going back to school during COVID-19: advice for parents How to wear a face covering safely Our ChatHealth texting service

There is also a locally developed **COVID-19 self-isolation support guide**, with the help of young people from across Calderdale. It is aimed at older children but is useful for parents also, the guide can be found <u>here</u>.

Along with this letter you will also receive the local COVID-19 related absence from school or childcare: a guide for parents and carers along with the Local Authority's letter from the Director of Public Health and Director of Children and Young Peoples services. Both documents are extremely important therefore please do take the time to read these.

Please do get in touch if you have any worries about your child's return to school or feel we can support your child further to make return that bit smoother. Next week, class teachers will be chatting with the children during the daily zoom calls to see how they can support and check-in with how the children are feeling in preparation.

Take care, be kind to yourselves and keep safe.

Lauren Watson Headteacher











