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Plan for Reopening

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all once again for your continued support during these very strange times. We have all been challenged and tested and together have become stronger in our ability to persevere, be resilient and develop solutions to living a different way of life.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils on Monday 8th March. There will not be anything new for parents to action, however if you are interested in how we are operating in school, then please visit our website to see our updated risk assessment. We will continue to regularly review our risk assessment and keep you updated as and when measures require tightening or hopefully soon relaxing.

All procedures for drop offs and collections will remain the same as in the Autumn term. We will still be holding all meetings with parents virtually and limiting contacts on site.

The only difference in school will be that in Key Stage 1 we will be operating a year group bubble system as explained in my letter of 17th December 2020.

Staff are continuing to be tested twice a week. Should any year group bubbles have to close in order to isolate, then we will resume our home learning platform from the first day of closure in line with our remote learning policy.

In line with Government directives, all pupils are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March and in line with HCC, our attendance policy will resume.

At this point, I would like to stress the importance of the need to work together to mitigate the risk of the virus coming into school. It is essential to support the safety of our staff and pupils and their wider families that parents/carers from different households do not:

- Car share to and from school
 - Request to collect or drop off pupils from different households or different bubbles.
- This will not be authorised by the school

Reporting a positive case of Covid19

It is essential that you contact us using the email address Covid@stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk if your child tests positive for COVID-19. '

You MUST urgently provide the following details within this email

- Name of person who has tested positive
- Relation to child at the school (if not the child)
- Class (bubble) the child is in

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- Date of first symptoms
- Date of positive test results
- Details of any 'close contacts' of positive case outside of school that have a link to school (see 'close contact' information below)
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What is a 'Close Contact'?

For the purposes of contact tracing and isolation, however, 'close contact' means having face-to-face contact with someone less than a metre away (even if a face-covering or face-mask is worn) or being within 2 metres of an infected person for 15 minutes or more.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you are not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/symptoms/>

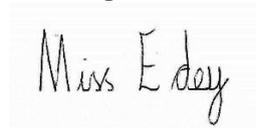
Please do not send children back to school if any of the following apply:

- They have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- They or any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen) have tested positive for COVID-19
- They haven't completed the full 10-day isolation period requested. Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable.
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Next Wednesday at 11am, we will be hosting our collective singing session live. We would love to see all of our parents/carers and pupils who are at home joining us on screen for a 'big sing' before our return.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards



Miss V Edey
Headteacher