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Dear Parents/carers

Last Monday, we received confirmation that all the children will return to school on Monday 8th March. We were very pleased to receive this news and cannot wait to welcome the children back.

The guidance for school's re-opening is due today so next week we will be busy updating all our risk assessments and preparing the school building. Please be aware that there will be no zoom meetings on Friday 5th March – to enable staff to prepare their classrooms. All the information you will need to know will be posted on the website – under the Covid-19 tab. This information will also be sent to each family via email by the end of next week.

Just to answer a few of the immediate questions we have been asked:

- The children will be expected to wear school uniform
- Hot school meals will be available – Meals will need to be booked by 8am each morning – via Parentpay
- The children will need to bring their PE kit into school
- We will continue to use the rolling drop-off system in the mornings, dropping children at the school noticeboard
- We will continue to have a controlled pick-up system from the KS1 playground

Until Easter – there will only be minimal provision for BC and ASC. We have only been able to offer this service for parents who routinely rely on this provision – all of those parents have been contacted.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer ad hoc bookings. We hope to be able to extend this service after the Easter holidays – but that will depend on the Covid-19 situation at that time.

At this point in time, I am assuming there will continue to be restrictions in place for the rest of this school year.

Upcoming Events

I thought it would be helpful to provide some information about the events we have planned for this term.

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day – We won't be back in school but we would like to mark this day – so we thought we would compile a montage of pictures of the children on the school website. We thought the children might like to send in a picture of themselves dressed up as a favourite book character – or they could simply have their picture taken holding up their favourite book. If you would like your child to be

included in this montage, please email your pictures to admin@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd March.

Parents Evenings – will be postponed. These will now be held during the second half of the Summer Term – early June.

Friday 19th March – Red Nose Day – This will be a non-uniform day. Parents/ Carers will be invited to make a contribution to the charity collection via Parentpay. (A link for this will be sent closer to the day). The theme of this year's event is 'Get the world smiling'. We are planning to celebrate this day through 'jokes' so you might want to prepare your child by helping them to choose a joke (a school appropriate joke) that they can bring into school on that day. We are not going to be selling red noses and we are going to ask that children don't bring red noses into school – but we are hoping to have some fun with a supply of red nose themed stickers.

Thursday 1st April – Easter Service – This will be a virtual event that will be held on the last day of the term. Each class is going to prepare a short video that will be posted on our website on that day.

It won't be long before we are all back together. The children are excited, the staff are excited and I am sure many parents will be relieved. This time of the year will be a lovely time to start back – spring is round the corner and we are looking forward to a really positive start. We will continue to be safe and sensible – but look forward with new hope.

Stay safe.

Regards,

Stephanie Severn