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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, yesterday the government released guidance asking all schools to encourage as many pupils as possible safely back into their education. The transmission rate of the Coronavirus has decreased and therefore all children who are eligible to return to school are encouraged to do so; as our school is for pupils with special educational needs, our school will be open to all pupils in all year groups from the 1st June.

In order to encourage as low a risk of infection as possible, we will be implementing the following measures:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
- cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered school and break times)

If you would like to read the latest government guidance which we are following, these are the links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

We will be in touch with you over the coming two weeks to plan and implement a safe return for all pupils after the half term break; if you have any questions at all please get in touch.

Kind regards

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