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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 Update – Wider school opening 8th March 2021

I am writing to you following the Government's announcement that all schools will reopen to all students from Monday 8th March 2021. This is good news indeed, and the Covid safe strategies that we have embedded in school will help to ensure that we will remain as safe as possible as student numbers increase again. I thank you in advance for ensuring that your child brings an appropriate face covering into school. This must be worn when travelling on school transport, whilst moving around school, queueing for lunch and when out at break times. Students currently not in school will automatically have their transport reinstated for their return on the 8th March.

Until our saliva testing programme starts, we will continue to offer lateral flow device testing to all staff and students who wish to participate. If you have not yet agreed for your child to have access to the lateral flow device testing sessions here in school and you wish to do so, please send an email to the admin office account above. Saliva testing registration has closed for now, but we will be able to add extra students once we have been allocated a collection code. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the saliva testing programme if you have not already done so. Thank you for your support and patience with this.

Our Forest School has been partially installed over half term. This is an exciting addition to the school's facilities and will provide endless exciting curriculum opportunities for all of our students. It will be up and running from after the Easter holidays. Students will have the opportunity, following their full-time return to school, to participate in creating some outdoor art work for it, so keep your eyes peeled for some photos soon. On return to school, students will be offered interactive and creative sessions to help improve their mental health and ability to engage with each other again. We have sourced some excellent and fun resources with which to work with students in terms of mindfulness and wellbeing. I am hopeful that these will enable our students, over the coming weeks, to feel happier and optimistic for the future. There are a couple of helpful resources for parents on managing anxiety and separation anxiety as a result of lockdown. These are available on our website under the Parents tab on the Covid-19 information page.

Finally, it remains for me to thank you for your continued support and I hope that you managed to have a good break over half term. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back in school from the 8th March.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Chinnappa

Headteacher

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