

The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

I am sure you are aware that the Government have announced that all pupils can return to school as on Monday 8 March. This is very good news and we are very much looking forward to seeing our schools full again.

I appreciate there may be mixed feelings but I want to reassure those of you who are anxious that we will continue with our very strict measures, as detailed in our risk assessment, up to Easter. We will review it at this point. In addition, as of 8 March, staff will be self-testing for Covid-19 at home twice a week and we should have the vast majority of staff vaccinated by this date (86% currently).

As said above, we will be adhering to strict measures and whilst it is necessary to have some staff working across class bubbles to enable the schools to operate, we want to minimize this as much as is possible. Therefore, if we have significant staff absence due to illness or having to self-isolate, we may, as a very last resort, have to reduce pupils attending a class (we will prioritise critical worker and vulnerable pupils) or close a class. We will, of course, keep you fully informed.

In order to prepare your children for returning to school we have created a social story, which can be found in our Coronavirus section on both websites. You can also find the most up to date risk assessments in there. However, if you wish to discuss anything in more detail, please can I ask that you contact your class teacher in the first instance.

Lastly, as a reminder, the parent/carer drop off and pick up times are stated below. Please can I ask you to stick rigidly to these times so that we can manage the beginning and end of the day safely. Those of you with specific arrangements should continue with these.

Heathfield: Drop off at 9.30am; pick up at 3.15pm

St Francis: Drop off at 9.15am; pick up at 3.00pm

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are very much looking forward to seeing all pupils on the 8th.

Please take care and have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Weldon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rachel Weldon

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