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Dear Parents and Carers

Nearly there.... But not quite!

All children will be returning to school the week after next. Fingers crossed, this is the last of the lockdowns! The systems we had in place during the autumn term worked well and so we expect to open for **everybody** from Monday 8th March. (assuming no further legislative changes). There are some minor tweaks to our end-of-day routine, with morning opening remaining as it was at autumn. Nursery children are unaffected and their times remain unchanged.

Mornings

Gates open at 8:15am and will close at 9am sharp.

(Please don't arrive BEFORE 8:15 and make sure you have *left* by 9am.)

Afternoon

(PLEASE READ AS THERE ARE SOME CHANGES.)

ACORNS/INFANTS:*

Collect your children any time between **3pm and 3:45pm**

JUNIORS:

Collect your children any time between **3:15 and 3:45pm**

(Please make sure you give yourself enough time to collect your children and have left the site by 3:45pm)

Upper juniors who have permission to walk home alone will be released at **3:30pm** and must go straight home.

**(If you are collecting children from different key stages, you will need to arrive after 3:15 so that you can collect them all at the same time; you won't be able to collect junior children before 3:15.)*

All of the other rules from autumn still apply: masks must be worn, ONE adult, keep any children by your side, stand away from the gate, etc.

Uniform:

We would like children to wear the full uniform but, because the shops are all still closed, we are not making it compulsory.

Mixing outside of school

Although we are reopening, we must not lose sight of the fact that this virus is still present and continues to be a serious threat. The school will continue to operate under strict Covid regulations, as we have been doing since March last year. The school staff have worked tirelessly to create systems that are designed to keep your children safe and to avoid cross contamination between groups. Please continue to support and respect we are trying to do.

For now, please don't take your children to mix with others, whether that is on the park outside school or going to visit friends' homes. Everything we have achieved so far, *with not one single case of cross-pupil contamination* can very quickly become a disaster if we let up too soon. I know you are all sick of this - us too! I genuinely cannot wait. I am *desperate* for this thing to be over and I stand by what I said about having a 'free hugs' stall at the summer fair. Until then, let's be *over* cautious. It's just for a few more weeks!

I look forward to seeing you soon

Gary Walker

