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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are really excited to be opening back up our doors, having the children return and get back to normal - well the new normal as it was before Christmas with bubbles, hand washing, one way systems and staggered starts to name just a few. But that being said, we can't wait to hear the school ringing with children's chatter and laughter again.

We are so proud of all the hard work the pupils, parents and school staff have put in during this lockdown. We know how hard this has been for both them and you to adapt to learning at home. We have seen some fantastic outcomes to children's learning and we are delighted at how well they have engaged.

When the children return, teachers will be focusing on the personal and social aspects of school life during the first few weeks as well as consolidating learning taught during lockdown. Parents evening will be held in the first week after the Easter holiday for the Juniors and the last week of Spring 1 for the Infants, where teachers will be able to inform you of your child's progress, alongside any gaps and catchup that may be needed.

These times continue to bring challenges to our daily lives, and the changing situation continues to require extra thinking and planning. We want to assure you that all plans and risk assessments we put in place are carefully considered, closely following the government guidance, and are there to keep all of us safe. The schools' risk assessments and the day-to-day running of the schools will remain exactly the same as last term.



Attached to this letter is an information booklet detailing the procedures in place for your child to return to school safely. The roads outside the schools will again be closed at the start and end of the day - we would like to extend an enormous thank you to all the parents and community members who have offered to marshall this for us and, as ever, if you have a few minutes to spare we would be grateful for more volunteers.

As always, we are more than happy to speak to you if you have any issues, concerns or questions. Unfortunately, at this time, the school office will remain physically closed to parents and visitors, so if you would like to speak to your child's teacher or any other member of staff at any time about your child's own personal circumstances, please make an appointment by emailing or calling the office. We will respond to you via a phone call or email. We will continue to put all information on the school website.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on 8th March

Mrs Hixon, Mrs Watts, and all the staff at Shirley Schools

