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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you to update you on our plans for a phased restart of pupils for face to face teaching here in school.

8th March: Nursery – P3

As per instructions from the Department of Education all children in Nursery, P1, P2 and P3 are to return to school for face to face teaching on Monday 8th March. This will be for a period of at least two weeks (8th and 15th March). For the week beginning 22nd March, the guidance is that N-P3 children will be returning to home learning prior to our Easter holidays, though there is some speculation that this will be changed in favour of keeping the younger children in school until the Easter holidays commence on the 29th. Once we hear more, we will update you.

We are really looking forward to having the younger children back in school. We will be focusing on providing a curriculum for the children with lots of physical activity, practical tasks, outdoor play and opportunities to engage with their friends – the things that have been most lacking during remote learning. We will be trying to get back to normality as much as possible with the children, so please continue to wear school uniform as you would have before and send in a healthy snack for break.

Arrangements remain the same for pick up/ drop off as they were before when we were last together at Christmas:

Drop off	All	8.45 – 9.00am
Pick up	Nursery	1.00 – 1.15pm
	P1/2	1.50pm
	P3	2.00pm

School meals (both Free School Meals and Paid) will be available for Nursery – P3 children when in school.

Please note that as N-P3 children have returned to school we will not be providing remote learning for these children. In recognition of the challenging transition for children as they return to school after a 3-month absence, we will not be setting homework for the weeks leading up to Easter.

8th March: P4 – P7

Children will continue to receive remote learning through SeeSaw/ paper packs. We hope that the children will be able to return to school as soon as possible but we await guidance from the Department of Education on this. We have been told that they are not planning on resuming face to face teaching with P4-7 children before the Easter holidays. Paper packs can be ordered as normal through the school website: www.westwindsprimary.co.uk/home/school-updates

8th March onwards: Childcare

We will continue to provide childcare for P4 – 7 children of key workers and vulnerable children. As we are providing remote learning for P4-7 children and staffing this childcare at the same time as having N-P3 in the school building, we will be running with a skeleton staff team for supervision. Please therefore only use this childcare for P4-7 if you fit the criteria and if you have no other safe alternatives for them. I do understand that when younger siblings are attending school, older brothers and sisters in P4-7 may want to come in to school also. Please remind them that we are trying to reduce the number of people around the school building and that is why the government have asked them to continue remote learning at home for the next few weeks.

If you need to make a booking for childcare, or to request a paper pack for P4-7 remote learning, you can do so as normal on the website: www.westwindsprimary.co.uk/home/school-updates

We do hope that this is the start of the beginning of a return to normality for the children and families of West Winds PS. Thank you for all of your continued support and good wishes and for the significant efforts being made with remote learning.

Yours,



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