

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are finally at the stage of making plans for the children to return to school. I would like to start this with a thank you for the support you have given us and your children during this latest lockdown. It must have seemed never-ending but we are thankfully in a safer position as a country and can start re-opening once again.

I now have a set of new guidance and have updated the school risk assessment to support the safe return of children. Below is an outline of key information; please take the time to read it as it is everyone's responsibility to keep each other safe. You will notice that the vast majority of this remains the same as when the school re-opened to all children in September.

Key Information:

The children will return to school on **Monday 8th March.**

The drop-off and pick-up times for each class are outlined below:

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Mrs Brailey <i>Reception & Year 1</i>	08:40	14:50
Miss Debenham <i>Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3</i>	08:40	14:50
Miss Loades <i>Year 3 & Year 4</i>	08:50	15:00
Mrs Steer <i>Year 5 & Year 6</i>	08:50	15:00

- Siblings can be dropped-off and collected at the same time to avoid unnecessary waiting on site.
- The one-way system will remain in place, signs will direct you and adults will be outside if you are uncertain where to go.
- We do not want the children to bring stationery or toys in from home.
- The school kitchen is operating as normal for hot and cold lunches.
- P.E. lessons are operating as normal from Monday 8th March.

- As we did in the Autumn Term, the children will be allowed to take home reading books which will be quarantined on return.
- Staff are now completing Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly to monitor the spread of Covid-19 as a further measure to keep us all safe.

How you can help us:

- Be on time, not early. This helps us to avoid footfall on site.
- As much as possible, please discourage children from running at the front of the school site. We are doing our best in school to avoid children coming in contact with adults outside of their bubble and would appreciate your support for the safety of everyone in our community.
- Masks are not compulsory. We would encourage you to follow national guidance of 2 metres.

Please get in touch if you want/need to:

While for the majority of people this day could not come quickly enough, I do understand the anxiety this may also cause. As always, I can be contacted on the school number 01508 470379 or via the dedicated email address for parents contact@newtonflotman.norfolk.sch.uk should you wish to contact me.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all from the school gate next week – fingers crossed that the sun will be out.

Mr Riley

Headteacher