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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are writing to you following the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the reopening of schools on Monday 8 March 2021.

The Communitas schools will be fully open for all children from Monday 8 March. Individual schools will communicate specific arrangements regarding drop off and collection of children as well as information for 'wrap-around' care etc. commencing after this date.

We are working with our headteachers and senior leadership teams to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible and that your children feel settled and happy after such a long absence from their classrooms, friends and teachers. The guidance published by the Department for Education for primary schools is very much as it was for children returning last September. There is currently no requirement for primary children to use lateral flow tests on a regular basis (unlike secondary schools) or to wear face coverings whilst in school. We will continue to practice distancing and cleaning measures and will work with our children in bubbles. Again, if children become unwell with Covid-19, we will follow the same procedures as we were using in September. Please do ensure that all of your contact details registered with your school are up to date.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to you parents and carers for the amazing work and support you have offered to your children throughout this difficult time. Our staff have also done a fantastic job continuing to support learning across our schools. We are lucky to be part of such a wonderful community. Thank you.

You have also been incredibly generous with your material support for all of our families. You have given nearly £3000 to our Rocket Fund appeal to ensure that those families who most need help with distance learning through the purchase of Chromebook have been offered this. We know that you have also continued to support one another over the past months and we are very proud to be part of this vibrant, caring and generous community.

We are looking forward to our schools being open to all children again and we will ensure that we support your children to settle back in and continue to develop their learning with your support.

Please look out for communications from your child's school.

With best wishes and thanks,

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