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Dear Parents and carers,

As you are most probably aware, it was formally announced by the Prime Minister yesterday evening, that all Primary schools have received the green light to fully re-open on Monday 8th March.

We have now received the updated guidance from the Department of Education for the operational running of schools, which we will be working through over the coming days, so that we can plan to safely welcome all our children back into their 'bubbles' and learning environments.

In the meantime, we will continue to deliver remote learning and support vulnerable pupils and those who require key worker provision in school, as usual, over the next 2 weeks. This is now up to 100 pupils, which is 55% of our school population.

We know that this change and transition is likely to bring mixed emotions. Some children will be delighted to be back in school with friends and enjoy the structure of the school day, whilst others are likely to feel anxious as they anticipate reigniting relationships with their peers and school staff, and may have enjoyed remote learning. As parents, I am sure that there might be a feeling of relief that this is a positive step towards the lifting of the National Lockdown, mixed with anxiety about the school community returning. There is no right or wrong way to feel today, tomorrow or on the day that schools return, but I cannot reiterate enough, that we can best support our pupils and families if you share any worries or concerns with us, if you think that we can help in any way. You are always welcome to call the main office to request a return phone call from the relevant member of staff or send an email.

I will send a further update on full reopening as soon as our plans are firmly in place, which will be made in collaboration with staff and governors.

Please feel reassured that I will continue to do my very best along with our dedicated team, to make this transition as smooth as possible for our school community and I really appreciate you working with us to achieve this.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rowett'.

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