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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Prime Minister announced his roadmap of the reopening of educational settings earlier this week, and we are delighted to welcome everyone back to school on Monday, 8th March.

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory from Monday 8th March and, therefore, our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child must self-isolate and not attend school if they:

- have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive;
- live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive;
- are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

For pupils who are required to self-isolate, Walford's comprehensive Remote Home-Learning offer will continue to be available to them.

Our Safety Measures

The safety, well-being and education of your children continues to be our top priority. Whilst we are excited to get everyone back together again, we must continue to do all we can to minimise the risk of transmission. Staff, parents, carers and pupils can feel reassured by scientific evidence that shows transmission in schools is low and that children are not drivers of infection in schools or the wider community. However, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the preventative measures the school has in place in order to minimise the spread of infection.

In order to break the chain of transmission and to identify asymptomatic infections swiftly, staff now undertake a Lateral Flow testing programme, twice weekly.

Each class will continue to operate in a 'bubble'. A small number of adults will be associated with a 'bubble' and each 'bubble' of children and staff will be kept socially distant from others throughout the school day.

The start and end of the school day will continue to be staggered, with 'bubbles' of children arriving and leaving at different times. In order to avoid car parking chaos, it is very important that pupils arrive at their allocated time and are collected promptly at the end of the school day, by one adult. Staff will, of course, continue to assist children, parents and carers during drop-off and pick-up times.

For your information, please note the staggered timetable below:

	Drop-Off	Pick-Up
Class R and Siblings	8.30am	2.40pm
Class 1 and Siblings	8.35am	2.45pm
Class 2 and Siblings	8.40am	2.50pm
Class 3 and Siblings	8.45am	2.55pm
Class 4 and Siblings	8.50am	3.00pm
Class 5 and Siblings	8.55am	3.05pm
Class 6	8.55am	3.05pm

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We know that infection rates in schools are driven by transmission in the wider community. Therefore, in order for schools to re-open and more importantly, to stay open, it remains essential that we all continue to keep our contacts to a minimum and follow restrictions outside the school gates.

All children will continue to enter and exit the school via classroom Fire Doors to minimise movement within Walford's narrow corridors.

Please continue to refer to Walford's COVID-19 Risk Assessment. In addition, please re-familiarise yourselves with Walford's Behaviour Policy COVID-19 Addendum and Home-School Agreement. May I also ask you to remind your child(ren) about these important things, before they return to school.

Thank You!

The second enforced school closure has been a very challenging time for us all and on behalf of the whole school team, I would like to extend a huge thank you for your incredible support during this difficult and uncertain time. On your child's return to school, there will be a big focus on health, well-being and helping your children to cope with the recent changes in their lives.

If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, if your child requires specific support in terms with coping with a recent bereavement or is finding it particularly hard to cope with the changes in their lives, please inform class teachers via email and we will do everything we can to provide additional and appropriate support.

Once again, I would like to pay tribute to Walford's impressive staff team whose dedication, commitment and unfaltering support for every child and family throughout this second enforced school closure has been, quite simply, outstanding.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Louise George
Headteacher