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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly CONGRATULATIONS; you have got through another lockdown and survived yet another round of homeschooling! Secondly, THANK YOU! Thank you for working with us to homeschool your children during this latest period of school closure - your resilience, positivity and commitment are truly to be admired. If you are a key worker and your child has been attending our key worker provision - thank you for your flexibility and for adhering to all our new procedures. This has not been easy for anyone and in my opinion, parents and carers are the new lockdown super heroes!

The school will reopen for all pupils on Monday 8th March. This is applicable to all pupils in all years and any previous arrangements to limit school places during the coronavirus pandemic will no longer be in effect.

I am writing to inform you of the steps we will be taking to fully reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March and share what you need to know to help your child prepare for their return to school. We are so looking forward to welcoming our pupils back, and I am sure that you are keen for them to return too, though you may also be feeling anxious about this. We have missed them (and you) and are eager to have our BHPS family back in school. That said, we must be mindful that when the children return to school, we are still under many lockdown restrictions and we want to ensure that we do our bit to exit lockdown as safely and quickly as possible.

Attached with this email you will find:

1) A guide for parents and carers, detailing all of the information about systems, procedures and measures that we have in place in order to keep everyone safe when they return to school. We will continue to put social distancing and infection control measures in place, in line with the results of the relevant risk assessments, to help keep all members of our school community safe. This information has been written alongside guidance published by the Department for Education. Much of this information reiterates what we set out in September but there are a few changes to be aware of. There are links to detailed guidance from the DfE as well as a link to the open letter written by Gavin Williamson to all parents and carers explaining the decision to reopen schools to all pupils. There will be a Zoom Meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2nd March, this is an optional meeting which parents and carers may attend if they have any residual questions or concerns after having read the guidance:













Hannah Freeman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Re-opening 8th March 2021. Parent and Carers Meeting.

Time: Feb 26, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81022392508?pwd=LzFCeDIFV2p1N1IveDUraGVkMnAyZz09

Meeting ID: 810 2239 2508

Passcode: 207686

- 2) A pack for parents to help their children with the transition back into school or to prepare those who have been in school for full-reopening.
- 3) A letter to children which has also been emailed directly to them.



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