

High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As you will already be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all children will return on Monday 8th March. We are delighted that the children can be back together and we have already started to prepare for their return. From the week beginning Monday 8th March, children will not be remote learning at home on a Friday afternoon, and pick up time on a Friday will return to the normal time of 3.15pm.

Whilst many of you will be relieved your child can return to school, for some of you, you may feel a bit uncertain or anxious. Please be assured that we will keep our school community as safe as we can and know that we are available to talk through any questions you may have. Mrs Stebbings and Miss Metcalfe will discuss this with your children in the live sessions and Teachers will also discuss this in class with the pupils currently in school. If your child is remote learning it is important that you start getting them back into a routine of going to bed a little earlier and getting up a bit earlier in preparation for their return.

We will still continue to have our year group bubbles to minimise the risk of infection and staff will continue to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly. Our music and sports coaches will also return to school.

Breakfast club will continue in the classroom bubbles and will start at 8.00am with the last admission at 8.20am. If your child does not attend breakfast club then they will need to be in school at **8.50am**. Pick up time for everyone will now be **3.15pm**. When dropping off and picking up your child, please **do not use** the school car park. We ask that parents and carers continue to follow the one-way system and that they keep 2 metres apart from each other. We are still limiting the number of people on site so please ensure that only 1 adult drops off and picks up. We ask that High School siblings do not accompany you and that they wait at the school gate. If you have had a school lap top/dongle, please could you return this on Monday 8th March.

Procedures regarding symptoms remain the same. If your child or any member of your household displays symptoms, please let the school know, you must then self-isolate and book in for a test. If you need help with arranging a test, please let school know as we can help with this. In the event of a positive case, you will be notified and your child's bubble will close. Children will then need to complete their remote learning through TEAMS.

For now, the school office remains closed but you can still contact us by telephone, email, facebook or the school mobile.

May I thank you again for all your support. There are no other words other than you have all been amazing!!

There is light at the end of the tunnel and I know you will continue to be supportive of the lockdown rules so that we can look forward to some easing of restrictions and to continue keeping our school community safe.

We have some parental questionnaires that we would like you to complete online and we will post the links of these to you shortly. Please do complete it as we value your opinions.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Chubb
 Headteacher