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Dear Parents/Carers

After the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week, we are really excited to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March and are now in the process of planning the return.

We can't wait to see the children face to face and for them to be reunited with their classes and their friends. For now, there are a few small steps that you can start taking to help us make the transition back to school easier for the children. It would be really helpful to begin by re-introducing the school term-time routines if these haven't been as structured as they were before. We want the children to walk in ready to learn like they did after the last lockdown and we know that structure and routines are key to this.

Talk to the children about any fears they may have about coming back to school. Reassure them that they will have lots of time to talk and ease back into the school routine and lots of adults to talk to as well.

Make small adjustments over the next week to bedtime and wake up routines too.

Establish a good breakfast routine - nothing sets the children up for a busy day like a healthy nutritious breakfast.

On return, the children will be expected to wear the correct full school uniform and black school shoes. Please check that uniform still fits and order new items online or buy from the supermarket if necessary. PE kits will be worn on PE days as previously.

Fruit will be provided in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 as usual but you may wish to send your Key Stage 2 children in with a healthy snack for break time. It can be a very long time between breakfast and lunch especially if the children have been grazing through the school day whilst in lockdown!

As we go forward we will keep you updated with any changes in the guidance both locally and nationally. Early next week we will send out details about coming back to school on March 8th.

I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to you all for your tremendous home schooling efforts and for engaging with us in such a positive manner. Despite incredibly challenging times, St Mary's school family has come through this brilliantly and we can't wait to see you all in person very soon.

Yours sincerely

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