



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

24th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are keeping well. On Monday, our Prime Minister announced the much-anticipated news that all Primary schools will open on the 8th March 2021 for all children. **Downsell Primary will open on the 8th March 2021 for all children. I will write to parents early next week outlining how we will safely welcome all children back to school.**

I have also uploaded the Government guidance to schools regarding the reopening but thought it would be helpful if I outline some key points below as well.

We are currently working on our risk assessments to safely open school and this will be shared with all parents towards the end of next week.

1. If anyone in your household tests positive, develops COVID related symptoms and /or are awaiting tests results please let us know immediately and do not send your child/children to school during this time.
2. Face coverings - it is not compulsory or recommended for primary school aged children to wear face coverings in classes or around school
3. Hygiene - Children will be washing their hands at different times throughout the day
4. We will be ensuring good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting "catch it, bin it, kill it"
5. There will be enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces as often as possible
6. Rooms will be ventilated through open windows and doors
7. Children at Primary schools are not expected to be tested
8. Where possible adults will wear appropriate PPE
9. Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children safely back to school. I will write again early next week outlining our plans to safely reopen

Please take care.

Deena Chetty

Headteacher

