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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to make you aware that, as a school, in line with Government guidance we will be employing a **phased return** from Monday 8th March. This means that your child will not necessarily be back on that first Monday, but will return to school at some point that week.

The reason for a phased return is it is a requirement that all pupils are offered a 'Lateral Flow Test' (LFT) before they return to the classroom. Once pupils who are participating in testing have received their first negative result, they can return to face to face teaching.

The guidance issued by the Government, which can be found [here](#), also encourages as many children to be tested as possible before they return to the classroom. Although the tests are voluntary, we would encourage as many parents as possible to give their consent to allow their child to be tested. You can give consent by [clicking here](#). Please be aware, we will require one consent form per pupil, but only one parent will be required to provide the consent. If you have previously consented to your child being tested as one of the pupils who are currently attending school, we will require the consent to be agreed again, for their tests to start week commencing Monday 1st March.

Children who are tested 3 times in school will then have access to testing at home.

If you do not give your consent, as per page 30 of the guidance, "pupils not undergoing testing should attend school in line with the phased return arrangements" which means they will return to school the day after children in that year group have been tested.

I will write again to you once all the arrangements have been finalised.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M E Murphy
Headteacher

