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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As you will have seen on the news, schools will be able to reopen fully which means we will be welcoming all children back to Great Coates Primary School on Monday March 8th.

All the staff are excited to be able to see all the children again as we have missed them. We are working really hard to ensure that we can reopen school in the safest way possible and adhere to the government recommendations. We already have some excellent routines and systems in place which the staff, children and parents are familiar with and will still be the expectations when we return.

- The biggest thing is ‘bubbles’. The government have stipulated the bubbles will be needed when the children return. Children will stay with their class groups in the classroom and in the dinner hall. Children will not swap bubbles.
- Social distancing is going to be a factor in what we do. As a result, we will be staggering start and end times of the day. This is to avoid having too many people on site.

Year group	Arrive	Home time
Year 5 and 6	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 3 and 4	9:05am	3:10pm
Year 1 and 2	9:20am	3:20pm
Reception	9:20am	3:20pm
Nursery am session	9:00am	12:00pm
Nursery pm session	12:30pm	3:30pm

- You MUST stick to these timings. If you arrive too early your children will not be ready to leave. The only children who can leave or arrive before their slot are those who have siblings. If you have more than one child, please drop off and pick up at the earliest slot for your children. Staff will know which children have siblings and those children will be ready to be collected.
- When you drop off and collect your children please follow social distancing guidelines, including no hanging around. You will be asked to move on, not because we are being rude, but because your safety is important to us.

- The one-way system that was previously in place will remain, so please adhere to it, it is for your safety.
- **We are asking that all adults on site wear a mask. This means that when you drop off and collect your children a mask must be worn. If you are exempt from this, please be ready to show your proof if asked.**
- Contact with the office will remain via phone or email and the front window will remain closed.
- The hygiene and cleaning levels will need to be maintained throughout the whole day. School will continue to be cleaned throughout the day as Mrs Wilkins will be on site all day. Classroom staff will ensure that the classrooms are cleaned frequently.
- The children will need to wear their full school uniform, including school shoes. The only exception will be on their P.E days can come in their sports gear for P.E. It must be something sensible and appropriate for school. So, no crop tops or cycling shorts. They must still wear their school jumper. Sports gear is a plain T-shirt and plain dark coloured leggings or joggers. (Initially all P.E will be outdoors).
- Children will be encouraged to have a hot dinner as this reduces things being brought into school. However, if you decide to have packed lunch it **MUST** come to school in a disposable plastic bag that can be thrown away as soon as your child has finished their dinner.
- We will be following the government guidelines if staff or pupils show symptoms, so please be patient and understanding if you are called regarding your child showing symptoms. Your children are eligible for getting tests and the process takes less than 48hours at the moment.
- If any member of your household shows symptoms, please isolate and do not send your child to school until the isolation period is over or a negative result has been received. Proof of test results will be required. Please inform the office if there are any suspected cases.
- Teachers and all school staff are having home tests twice a week to reduce the chances of transition of the virus.
- As a school we will be engaging with NHS track and trace, so please make sure we have your up to date contact details.
- Breakfast club will be open, but I cannot stress enough that children must be booked in at least the day before. We need to restrict number of children attending breakfast club. Priority will be given to working parents, so if you are asked for proof that you work, please be understanding of the reason why.
- Initially afterschool will remain closed.

Please be reassured that we are doing everything possible to ensure that all the pupils and staff will be safe in school. We will be using the government guidelines as a minimum standard. I know some of you will be very nervous about sending your children into school and we understand this, however please be reminded that **attendance at school is compulsory**. If you are anxious or have questions, please contact school to discuss them.

As always, a huge thank you for your support and understanding, it makes our job easier. I am confident that if we all work together we will be able to return to school in the safest way possible. It won't be normal and what we were used to, but I can guarantee you that it will be the best that we can offer.

Stay safe and stay well and we will see you all very soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Norman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A" and a trailing flourish.

Mrs Norman
Principal