

Letter to parents of pupils in Year 3 to 8

1st March 2021

Dear Parents,

Return to School

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

We are all incredibly excited about returning to school and I hope that your children are also looking forward to being back with friends in the familiar surrounds of TPS. For those of you that are new to the school, we look forward to welcoming you through our gates and into our wonderful community.

The past two months have been difficult for all, but I am delighted with the engagement your children have shown with our remote learning provision. It has been amazing how, once again, children and staff have demonstrated ingenious ways to showcase their work. It shows the focus, application, energy and perseverance pupils and staff have applied during this period.

As stated in Mr Edward's letter last week, we will return to school on **Tuesday 9th March**. Following a thorough review of updated Government guidance, we have updated the attached document. Some of the information will be familiar but there have been some changes – particularly in relation to guidelines regarding face coverings. We would be grateful if you could read and discuss this document with your children prior to their return to school. The rules in respect of social distancing and wearing face coverings are essential in enabling us to adhere to guidance and minimise the risk of transmission.

I must also stress the importance of rules regarding pupils and staff developing symptoms and the need for early testing. If your child shows any of the symptoms related to Covid-19, it is essential you book an NHS test and keep your child at home in isolation until you have received a negative test result. Please also inform our School Office immediately to enable us to commence the process of track and trace and take steps to identify any pupils who are deemed a close contact. Any pupil or staff member who has tested positive will need to self-isolate, and any child or other adult who has been identified as a close contact, will also need to self-isolate.

Parents of pupils in Years 7&8 only – please note a letter will follow shortly providing details on how to book lateral flow testing for your children on Monday 8th March.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Ensuring we all play a proactive part, by adhering to the guidance, we can hopefully look forward to a brighter end of term, with the hope of returning to a 'normal' school during the Summer term.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

We very much look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th March.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coleman', written in a cursive style.

Chris Coleman
Deputy Headmaster