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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents

### March 8<sup>th</sup> reopening plans:

We are very much looking forward to having all children back at Friars on Monday. We wrote to parents last week with our reopening plans. Please see the staggered start and finish times below that must be adhered to.

Year group	Structure of day	Year group	Structure of day
YN	Start: 8:45am Home time (Part time children): 11:45 Home time (full time children): 3:00pm	Y3	Start: 9:05am Hometime: 3:20pm
YR	Start: 8:50am Home time: 3:05pm	Y4	Start: 9:10am Hometime: 3:25pm
Y1	Start 8:55am Hometime: 3:10pm	Y5	Start: 9:15am Hometime: 3:30pm
Y2	Start: 9:00am Hometime: 3:15pm	Y6	Start: 9:20am Hometime: 3:35pm

Breakfast club will resume on March 8<sup>th</sup> and will run from 7:45am – 8:45am. Playcentre will resume on March 15<sup>th</sup> and run from 3:30pm – 5:45pm. Other extracurricular clubs will resume in the summer term.

### Lateral Flow Device tests for parents:

Parents are now able to order free rapid lateral flow tests. Click link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Staff at Friars are taking them twice a week and it is a very good way of breaking the cycle of virus transmission particularly for asymptomatic cases.

### Coming back to school:

The most important focus for us when the children return on Monday is to reacclimatise them to school life and to make sure they are ok about being back with us. We will be using RULER lessons to help children with their emotional wellbeing and we will also support them as they get used to the rules and routines of school life once more. Also, much like what we did in September, we will be assessing all children in reading, writing and maths throughout next week. Children do not need to prepare for this and the assessments will be part of normal lessons. We will use them to see if any gaps in learning have appeared and then we will set up some intervention groups depending on the needs of individuals and groups. Children made very

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good progress in the Autumn term with the support we put in and we are optimistic and confident this will be the case this term.

### **World Book Day:**

Despite being in the last days of school not being open to all, we still managed to celebrate World Book Day in fine style yesterday. Lots of the teachers did story swaps with the children on Google classroom. My weekly assembly focussed on the love of reading and the importance of vocabulary. Each class did different reading-based activities throughout the day. Many children dressed up as book characters either in school or for Google meets and lots of children also created "laundry art". Some of our Year 6 word millionaires had a look through all the laundry art and picked Emma's in Y4 (The Cat in the Hat), Nikki's in Y4 (one of the witches from Roald Dahl) and Jana's in Y1 (Also the Cat in the Hat) as their favourites. We have also added some other great efforts for you to enjoy on Twitter.



Yours sincerely,

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