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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, I have a meeting with the Local Authority tomorrow morning, after which I will communicate our plans for the 8th March onwards with you.

In the meantime, the priority for teaching staff over the next 2 weeks is to plan assessments and teaching to the gaps for the return of all pupils. I am so grateful to the staff for doing an incredible job of teaching face to face and providing remote education to make sure that you and your children feel supported and learning is still taking place. However, from today, all staff have been asked to mark to our remote learning policy (available on our school website) which states 2 pieces of Maths, 2 pieces of English and 1 other piece of work will be marked each week. Many staff have chosen to go above and beyond this requirement since Christmas because they have wanted to, but this is not sustainable long term and particularly as we move towards welcoming all pupils. You may therefore notice a reduction in the frequency of work being marked and responses to class emails over the next couple of weeks. This will not be detrimental to the assessments that the teachers are making in preparation for your child's return. It is still the expectation from the DfE that the work is set by teachers to be completed and submitted by the children working remotely until 8th March.

I can confirm that Kids Club will be open from 8th March but it will be closed over the Easter holidays to serve as a 'fire-break' as mentioned by the Government yesterday. We are waiting further guidance regarding the number of pupils that can attend. Depending on circumstances and guidance, it is hoped that Kids Club will re-open for the whole of the Summer Term and run through part of the summer holidays. This will only be possible if all the of plans are met under the Government's road map out of lockdown.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of the children to Wheatfields from 8th March.

Kind regards

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