



# LEAGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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***‘STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, LEARNING FOR LIFE’***

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **IMPORTANT: RETURN TO SCHOOL ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

You will know by now that all children are returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and attendance will be mandatory. We are very much looking forward to having everyone back in school and I know the children will be excited to see their teachers and friends again. We will do everything we can to ensure the children’s return to school is smooth and that they quickly get back into a routine. This will support wellbeing, as well as learning needs.

The provision in school for key worker and vulnerable children will continue to be available until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, but the school will be closed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March for a full deep clean and to allow the site team to complete any final preparations regarding the health and safety of the school site. Families accessing this provision have been informed that alternative childcare will need to be made on this date.

Live learning will continue to be available for all children until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March; classes will celebrate World Book Day on this date and more information about this will follow later today. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, learning activities will be available via Google Classroom, but there will be no live teaching. This will enable staff to finalise planning and arrangements for the children’s return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Public Health England have reassured us that the way to control this virus is the same as before, even with the current new variants being more transmissible. The updated advice strengthens the measures we already have in place, to provide reassurance and help decrease disruption to education. To ensure the school is safe and has effective control measures in place, the current risk assessment and procedures will be updated in line with any new guidance from the Government and Public Health; this will be available on the website from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. In the meantime, I have attached some important reminders and updates for you to be aware of. Please take the time to read this information, so that you and your child are fully prepared for a safe return to school.

You will note from the information attached that staff are now being tested twice weekly and we ask that where possible you test children at the rapid test centres before their return to school and then weekly thereafter. This is a free test and will help control the spread of the virus.

We feel very fortunate at Leagrave to have children, parents/carers and staff who have shown great resilience during this time. We know that home learning has been a challenge for all involved, but together we have overcome many barriers to ensure that learning and wellbeing remain a priority. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the return to school arrangements, please ensure you contact the main office, rather than engaging the teacher during the live teaching sessions. We understand that some parents and children may be anxious, but we are confident we can resolve most issues. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Gillespie and the Senior Leadership Team

