



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Dear All,

Primary schools have been asked to reopen to all pupils from March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. This is excellent news and we are delighted that the needs of children and families are being prioritised in this new 'road map' out of the current lockdown. Some flexibility has been afforded to secondary schools to support them to implement testing procedures. However, as primary pupils will not be involved with testing at this time, we will be ready to open to **all pupils** from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** and we cannot wait to see them all.

As you would expect, **safety** will be our number one priority and we have conducted a full review of our risk assessment in light of updated government guidance. This document is available to view here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2021/02/23/risk-assessment-for-school-reopening-march-2021/>.

We are working on some final logistical details and will update you further in the next few days. However, the vast majority of our systems will mirror those in place during the autumn term. A few key points are listed below:

- To support us to remain open to all, please ensure that your family continues to follow all [government guidance](#) at all times. If your child or a member of your household shows [potential symptoms](#) of COVID-19, please isolate at home and inform us at school as soon as possible. The [rules for contacts of confirmed cases](#) of COVID-19 remain in place also.
- Parents and carers are asked to please wear a mask whilst on the school site unless exempt or where this may have a negative impact on your child.
- If you would like your child to enjoy a school lunch, orders can now be placed on the [Aspens website](#).
- We plan to resume our morning and after-school provision from Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. These will run in the same way as during the autumn term. Please book your child's place through Parentpay.

This has been a long and hugely difficult few months for families and we thank you all for your support and determination in continuing your child's learning at home. Your response has been truly inspiring. If you have any **questions** or **concerns** around the return to school, please do not hesitate to get in touch on my email address below.

In other news, many thanks to the team behind the [Community Food Cupboard](#) for their fantastic work in the last year. A second cupboard has now been installed at the point where Chapel Terrace joins Penpol Terrace and is open to use for all who may benefit.



Best wishes,

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