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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I'm sure you will have heard, schools are reopening to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We're delighted that we'll be able to begin to return to some form of normality.

In preparation, our risk assessment has been reviewed following all advice from the Health and Safety Team. All staff now have a COVID lateral flow test twice a week to reduce transmission from any non-symptomatic cases. We will be returning to our systems and COVID safety control measures we had in place from September to December, as these were working well. We have additional onsite cleaning in place during the school day and the year group bubble system will remain. The doorways your child uses will be the same as they were before Christmas. Children will come into school between 8.45am and 9.00am. Children should not be arriving late and coming into the main reception area. At the end of the school day, the timings for pick up are also the same as before Christmas. Nursery will finish their session at 11.30am. Reception children must be picked up at 3.05pm, Year 1 and Year 2 children at 3.10pm and the rest of the year groups at 3.15pm. Please leave the school grounds immediately after collecting your child.

Unfortunately, there will still be no access to the school building for parents and carers which includes the main school office. If you need to speak to someone please ring the school office or email and an appointment can be made. All parents and carers must continue to wear a mask on school site.

Breakfast Club will resume Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 8.15am. Entrance will be through the door used by Rainbow Room children close to Nursery entrance. Children will not be able to access through main reception. School lunch arrangements will be in place with hot food being served.

All children must be in uniform, including black shoes. If you find your child's shoes do not fit, please let us know and a grace period will be allowed to allow shops to be open, enabling them to be replaced. Children can come to school in clothes suitable for PE on their usual PE days as children will not be getting changed on site. If you think your child would benefit from having spare clothing in school, it can be stored in their locker as they won't have their PE kit as spare clothing on such occasions.

Sadly, Mrs Murrell and Mrs Lockey will not be onsite. Mrs Nixon has already worked with the Reception children so hopefully this will be a smoother transition for them. Mrs Godfrey has already contacted all Rainbow Room parents with regards to arrangements.

Many thanks to everyone who completed our well-being survey with children who have not been in school during this lockdown. It has helped school plan for those children who need extra support to re-build resilience, friendships and confidence. This is an absolute priority for us, to make sure that our children are all happy in school. We will not be talking about lost learning and catch up with our children. We will be telling them they can achieve, they'll get help and we believe in them. Attendance for all children is compulsory and remote learning will stop. If you have any concerns or worries about your child's return, please speak to their class teacher during your weekly welfare call or contact myself, Mrs Godfrey or Mrs Leslie as soon as possible.

Thank you for once again supporting the school during this lockdown. We've been really appreciative of all the positive messages. We're so proud of all the hard work Percy Main pupils have put in at home, and we're looking forward to seeing them all again next Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Thompson Acting Headteacher