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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Return

Earlier this week the government confirmed that schools will reopen to all pupils on March 8th. St. Bridget's Buddies will also be open from this date and operate as normal. This is good news for all of our community, parents, teachers and most of all the children. It has been such a challenging time since Christmas for all of us and thank you for balancing your own work and family commitments around remote learning. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children. In my household the announcement sparked the hunt for uniform and checking that it all still fits. Even in this short time feet have grown and new school shoes are needed!

The DfE's guidance states that school attendance will be "mandatory for all pupils from March 8". The usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school. The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and "reporting children missing education to the local authority".

Pickups and drop offs

We will keep the same times for pick up and drop off. Please take note of the following:

- Parents and carers are asked to continue wearing face coverings at pick up and drop offs and to keep a 2-metre distance from others. We still all need to take sensible precautions.
- Parents are asked to collect their children as soon as possible. If you have more than one child to pick up you may need to wait in the playground for a short time. I would ask that you do not use the equipment on the adventure trail or playground with your children. Some of the equipment has been damaged after school or has been used by small children who are at risk of being injured.
- Please also use the one-way system for coming into and leaving school grounds.

SIMS Parent App Lite

Please keep an eye out for an email inviting you to download the SIMS Parent App Lite in the coming week. The App will be the way that we collect data moving forward and will mean the end to you having to complete data sheets. You will be able to update telephone numbers etc a lot more easily.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will remain in place next week (week beginning Monday 1 March), with the exception of Friday 5 March, which will be a 'no screen' day. This will be a day to carry on some of the activities from World Book Day.



World Book day - Thursday 4th March

Next week is World Book Day and the teachers will be encouraging the children to take part in fun activities to foster a love of reading throughout the day. When all of the children return to school the following week we will hold another celebration for World Book day when everyone can be together.

Well done Max and friends

Max had arranged a fundraising challenge to support Chester Zoo and he invited his friends to help raise funds by doing an exercise challenge on Valentine's Day. Here is the [Link](#) for more information.

They managed to raise £320 plus gift aid and Max made a collage of the event which he has sent to Chester Zoo. The children who took part will all receive a certificate and Chester Zoo are delighted with the fundraising for the zoo. Fantastic effort Max. Well done.

Stay safe.

Your sincerely,

Neil Le Feuvre

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