



26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the government's announcement for full reopening of school on 8th March, we look forward to welcoming all the children back into school again, to once again be reunited as a school family.

We understand that this period of lockdown has been extremely challenging for everyone and your child may be feeling a range of emotions linked to their return to school. As always, school will do everything we can to support you and your child within this transition.

Please find here the link for parents/carers on a range of strategies which you can use to support your child's return to school - <https://www.bedfordhall.wigan.sch.uk/page/?title=News&pid=85>

The health and safety and well-being of all children and staff remains our key priority. Despite being out of lockdown, the procedures which were put in place on full return to school in September will be reintroduced. In line with government guidelines, children and staff will continue to work in Bubbles and follow staggered timings throughout the day. Attached to this letter is a copy of these procedures. It would be beneficial to discuss these with your child before their return.

We are aware the majority of children have been learning remotely since Christmas and in line with lockdown restrictions, will have had limited interactions with their peers. Although children have received and followed a remote learning curriculum, we acknowledge that face-face teaching and learning and being part of a class/school family is the most powerful learning tool both academically, socially and emotionally for any child. Therefore it is vital that within our curriculum design we enable children to have the opportunity to reconnect - so they have the time to express their thoughts and feelings, re-establish friendships and relationships with others and readjust to the routines and expectations to enable positive behaviour for learning to happen.

We are incredibly proud of every child within our school. They are living in a time of a global pandemic which has forced them to learn and interact in unknown ways. Yet they have previously shown (and continue to show) their incredible resilience to change. We have huge 'belief' in every child and we know that despite the setbacks; we will endeavour to provide the most positive experiences for all children on their return to school - re-igniting their love of learning and aspirations for the future. We have something VERY EXCITING planned for your child's return. I will be writing to all the children next week about this.

Our curriculum for the rest of the school year will focus on ensuring every child continues to receive the very best holistic education as we live out our school vision to 'Learn, Love and Live Without Limits.'

Kind regards and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March.

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