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Dear Parents,

You are aware that, following the Government's decision to close schools for the majority of children at the start of January, we have now been advised that schools will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 8th. March.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the fantastic support you have given to our 'remote learning' programmes. The uptake of the online Seesaw lessons has been really encouraging and, as a result we very much hope that good progress has been made in each child's journey of learning.

I also would extend thanks to teachers and support staff for all the work they have carried out in providing such high quality home learning experiences for the children.

We now look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th. March and are preparing for that relaunch of the school year.

Parents should be aware that the same rigorous approach to managing the health, safety and wellbeing of all children and staff in school will be in place.

- We will be returning to the 'staggered starts' to the school day with the use of the three points of access (three gates) we used during the Autumn Term.
- We will expect parents and visitors to wear face-masks on the school site and observe 'social distancing' especially when talking with members of the school staff.
- Staggered playtimes, lunchtimes and ends to the school day will be in operation.
- Children will return to classrooms that are arranged in the same way they were during the Autumn Term.
- In the event of a child or member of staff being possibly infected with covid-19 the class or year group 'bubble' will need to be sent home for a period of isolation.

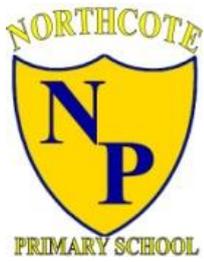
While there are encouraging signs of the roll out of vaccines to protect people the virus is still a very real concern. We have had several members of staff who have been really unwell as a result of the virus and we are aware of families who have been affected as a result of the pandemic. We also have staff working in school who are classed as 'vulnerable'. For this reason we will continue to be vigilant around any and all measures aimed at keeping staff and children safe.

Further letters will be sent out this week and will be posted on class pages of the school's website providing further specific information where necessary.

Thank you again for all your support.

Yours sincerely
R.Morgan
Headteacher.





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