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Dear Parent / Carer

Prime Minister announcement – 22nd February and Bilton school

I am sure that you are all aware of the broad headlines from the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening regarding the roadmap out of lock-down. The return to school plans within this announcement were a key component and I wanted to share with you the initial plans for Bilton school, all of which will have further details to follow.

From Monday 8th March 2021:

- All students and staff to return to school from Monday 8th March.
- All students who have consented will be Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tested on their return to school. There is a requirement for them to be tested three times, each with a gap of 3-5 days, after which testing will be done at home.
- Face masks to be worn on site in all indoor communal areas and, in the first instance by students in classrooms.
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There are a number of details and logistics that we still need to finalise with these principles. This is especially the case for bullet point 2 and I will communicate further towards the end of this week with more detail.

In order for us to be fully-prepared for the return of students on Monday March 8th we will be having an **In School Day** on **Friday March 5th** for all staff. They will be engaged in preparation and tasks which will take them away from their normal Teams on-line teaching that has occurred to date. Work will be set via Class Charts, just for this day, and there will be no provision for on-site vulnerable students and students of key worker parents on this day. During this term up until Easter we normally have a scheduled Training Day, the 5th March day will replace this.

I would like to reassure everyone within the Bilton learning community that everyone's safety and well-being will be a fundamental part of the decisions that we will make and that we will continue to take advice from PHE and the DfE guidance whilst formulating our plans.

I would also like to thank everyone for their patience and comments of appreciation since our unusual post-Christmas return to education, and I hope that we will now be able to move back to learning that we are all more familiar and comfortable with.

Regards
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Headteacher



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