

Wider Reopening – Monday 8th March

One week to go! The home straight! Just 5 more days of learning at home before the school **welcomes back all pupils in all year groups from Monday 8th March** as announced by the prime minister this week. We are really looking forward to having the children back in school and hope that they too are looking forward to being back with their friends and their teachers. We imagine that you as parents also can't wait!

The 3 weeks between 8th March and Easter will work in much the same way as before Christmas, with the same control measures in place. In many ways, this next stint is going to be the most difficult in terms of infection control, as more people are vaccinated and society begins to open up, there is a risk that guards will drop. It is important now more than ever that we all stick to the rules. We have reviewed our risk assessment and this is available on the school website. We will also write to you again next week with a reminder of the key points.

In the meantime, here is some other useful information for the next few weeks:

- There will be no screen-based remote learning next Friday 5th March to allow staff time to turn the school around and prepare for more children. We will provide non-screen activities which the children can do during that day. Staff will not be available on Tapestry, email or Showbie that day. Mrs Vignaux will still be in the office if you need to call or email for anything urgent.
- We would traditionally hold a parents evening in March. This will be postponed until week beginning 26th April by which time we will have had the children back in school for 4 weeks and will have a better idea of where they are at with their learning and next steps for them. Of course, if you have any questions, queries or information that you need to pass on before then, you can continue to phone or email us as needed.
- Whilst children should return to school in uniform, we understand that many will have outgrown what they were wearing before and that sourcing uniform and shoes whilst the shops are closed is a bit of a nightmare. We also know that finances for many will be stretched as the situation with jobs may have changed. Please don't feel that you need to rush out this weekend or next and buy new uniform. Plain items of clothing (no logos), in roughly school colours is absolutely fine, as are trainers if you can't source shoes. We have also accumulated many items of uniform through lost property and donations. Mrs Jukes has sorted this out this week and made a list of what we have. It is all in great condition and has been washed. If there is a particular item that you need, please send us a message via the parents Facebook group or admin@ashchurch.gloucs.sch.uk and we will do our best to help. Please do make use of this, as we would much rather see it being used than going in the bin, some of it is brand new.

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gibson, Mrs Kelsey, Mr Rickaby