

Dear Renishaw

Thursday 4th March 2021

Firstly, I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I would like to thank you all for your incredible patience and understanding during the last 7 weeks.

As we have said previously, we know that you have spent the time since the start of January strictly following Government guidance in order to keep you and family safe. Alongside this has been the remote learning which, as a parent myself, has been somewhat of a struggle for all of us, but here we are ready to return on Monday 8th March.

I would personally like to thank all of the parents, myself and the staff have spoken to over these very trying months who have shown considerable support and appreciation for the difficult situation that we have all found ourselves in. We want to reinforce to you, we will continue to support all families in our community, that we want to get this right and that your child's health and safety and that of our staff and Renishaw as a whole, is at the forefront of every decision we are making in these unprecedented times.

As we now know and have already experienced, the above comes with the considerable caveat that these are all 'aims' and the situation can continue to change at any point, but we will all want to work with you to do our best with the continued challenges that we all face, but, we will meet it head, together and do it, **THE RENISHAW WAY!**

Returning to School

We recognise that returning to school after such a long period away may cause anxiety for some children. To help ease the transition, we will be focussing on the children's well-being as a priority and ensure they have the time to adjust and familiarise themselves with their new settings and routines. We hope that this letter gives you some reassurance about the steps we are taking to maximise both the safety of your children and the whole school community and that it also gives you are able to remind your children about how things will be once more when they return. We fully appreciate how difficult the last few months have been once again and we are so proud of the way in which all the children have worked and shown fantastic resilience!

The school office and communication

If you need to contact the school, we urge parents, wherever possible, to communicate via telephone and email. The office is contactable via phone or enquiries@marshlane.derbyshire.sch.uk We will be making any forms (medicine, leave of absence etc.) available online via the website. In the event of an emergency, which requires you to visit the office in person, we request that everyone follows the 2 metre distance rules.

Covid-19 Symptoms in School

If your child develops any potential Covid-19 symptoms in school, we will telephone parents for immediate collection, and whilst they wait for you, they will be kept isolated from the other children. After collecting them from school, you will be required to follow Government Guidance and have them tested for Covid19 and report the result back to school as soon as possible. Where the possibility that the whole class will then need to self-isolate to help limit the spread of infection, parents would be informed via email. If this is the case

the class would return to Remote Learning for the duration of isolation. **Please ensure any emergency contact details we need are up to date. An electronic form will be sent out to you during the first week back. **

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your continuous support. These are difficult times for everyone and we are working under a governmental directive, in an ever-changing situation. For the staff, myself and the governors, it is imperative that we continue to work as one community to help us continue to face the challenges ahead and remember **WE ARE ALL HERE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

Stay safe, stay strong and stick together. After all, We're All Renishaw Aren't We?

Kind Regards.

Mr S Fuller
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