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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a relatively restful half term without any remote learning to worry about! I know it was a lot calmer in the Graham household without the thought of Year 12 lessons for my daughter!

You will most likely have heard the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday in which he stated that all primary pupils can return to school on Monday, 8th March. We are obviously delighted that all of our pupils are now able to return, but we must also ensure that we mitigate any possibilities of the spread of COVID. Over the next few days, we will be reviewing our risk assessment, alongside our plans for lunches, entrance to school etc. The organisation for the return of pupils in September, in our view, worked pretty well. Apart from some tweaks, we would envisage that this system will be the one we return to in two weeks time. All information will be shared with you in ample time so that you are aware of when the children start and so on.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide on-site education for those pupils who are eligible, as well as remote learning for those working at home.

There are just a few staffing updates that I would like to share with you. Whilst I have previously said we like to avoid too much movement of staff during a year, this is sometimes unavoidable. Mrs Myhill, who was teaching in Year 5, was "on loan" from St Mary's Primary School. Unfortunately, due to staffing needs currently at St Mary's, I have had to ask her to return to teach the Year 6 children at St Mary's during the absence of their teacher. Hopefully this will be for only a short time. Miss Duke will be supporting the Year 5 children with Mrs Henery, while still overseeing Key Stage 2. Miss Riddle will lead the teaching in Year 6 supported by Miss Rooney who started on Monday and Mr Davison who joins us next Monday for ten weeks. Mrs Ridley will also stay in Year 6 continuing to do a wonderful job supporting our children.

Finally, we welcome Miss Dudley who is joining our Reception class to work alongside Mrs White for the next ten weeks and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Smith to Our Lady of the Rosary as the Cook in Charge. Mrs Smith has already started planning and cooking delicious meals and treats for our children and staff. She will be sending out menus, suggestions and I know there are biscuits heading to classes this week and the week all of our children return on the 8th of March.



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As always, I thank you for your support during this period.

We will be in touch with further details as soon as we have them.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Graham

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