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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure all of you will know by now, Coaley Primary Academy will be opening to all children on Monday 8th March.

As we confirm arrangements, I will let you know more as soon as I can but I wanted to let you all know that we will be ready to have all the children back in school on Monday 8th March.

As all children return, I think it is very sensible that we update our protocols and procedures again and ask you to do the same. Even though many people are being vaccinated and we are slowly coming out of lockdown, we do not want to do anything that will jeopardise the safety of our children, staff or families. This is still about saving lives and I cannot stress how seriously we continue to take it.

We want to do everything we can to continue to maintain good social distancing, keeping hands clean and continuing to maintain the integrity of the class bubbles. Below are a few reminders of the procedures we made last term for those who continued to come into school which we intend to carry on. The full updated Risk Assessment will be on the school website by next week, ready for the 8th March. You can see the changes we have made each time as they are colour-coded.

1. Please can we ask all parents to continue to wear masks while on the school site. In addition, can we also ask you to wear masks as you approach the school or if you are waiting outside the school to drop off or collect your child, including for Breakfast Club.
2. Please can we ask you to keep a 2m distance from one another at all times, while on the school site and whilst approaching or waiting outside of school, including for Breakfast Club.
3. Please leave the school as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. Please will you communicate with us via Dojo from now on rather than at the school gate at drop-off or pick-up times. We will operate staggered drop-off and pick-up times as before and I will send these out later.
4. We will be doing extra cleaning and ensure that there is good ventilation in all classrooms.
5. Please can we ask your child not bring anything in from home apart from their lunch, a drink and books they are reading from home or homework.
6. All staff will be wearing face-masks in all communal areas around school, including in the Office.
7. We will be using hand sanitizer and handwashing as the children come in from every breaktime.
8. We will make sure that bubbles do not mix as much as possible, including at break and lunchtimes. We have updated our protocols for children walking around the school and use of the playground and field.

9. Some TAs may move to other classes across the week but they will have protocols in place to avoid bubble mixing and to support vulnerable staff. Some staff are likely to wear some form of PPE during teaching time.
10. Music and some peripatetic lessons will continue. We will contact you separately about this if this affects your child.

Children will be expected to wear school uniform as normal in school. We will be in touch about PE and Forest School days and staggered timings later. We are currently working with our caterers about the continuation of hot school dinners. We will be in touch with you further about this when we know more.

As we receive more information, I will continue to keep you posted and updated with what we are doing in school. I hope you can see that we take the safety of your child and our staff very seriously and are doing our very best to open the school safely.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Lucas', with a stylized initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke.

Richard Lucas