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Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see more children back this week, returning to classes and we have worked hard to remind them of the approaches we use to stay safe. Thank you for your support during this process and also it was really lovely to see the various approaches to World Book Day. It all made for a great assembly and day at school.

Please note the following as we move into next week and the full return of all pupils:

### Test Kits

These are now available for all families to access and use if they wish to. It is not compulsory. We are using the same type of kits, twice per week at school in the hope that if there was an asymptomatic case, or early onset of the virus, it would be identified and we could limit the spread and impact. I completely understand if you feel this is not appropriate, but wanted to ensure you knew about it and how to get the tests if you wished to do so. Please use this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### Key Reminders:

- Please do not send your child in if they are unwell but do call us and let us know they are not coming in
- Do not send in your child if they have a high temperature, continuous cough and/or loss of smell/taste. Seek a Covid test as soon as you can but if this is problematic then self-isolate and we can send you a test kit that can be posted.
- Please ensure your child has and wears a face covering during the journey to and from school when using a taxi
- Our hours for each day, including Fridays have reverted back to normal
- If your child has increased worries and anxieties as they return, which may be related to Covid, not being here for a while or something different, please talk to your class team. We will always do our best to help.

### Lockdown Video-Please see notes provided by Mrs Osobu below:

We are looking forward to having our pupils back with us next week in full. Upon reflecting on the past year and the disruption that we have all faced, we can focus on the positives that have come

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out of it and say we are proud of our pupils, staff and of course you! I would like to make a video that we can publish on the website to highlight all the achievements that were made over the lockdown – whether your children were at home or in school as key worker children. If you would like your child to be included in the video please give consent below. Many of you have already shared photos and videos with teachers which if you consent, I can include in the video but you may like to send in other pictures or videos to Bianca.osobu@larwood.herts.sch.uk It would be wonderful to include some parent voice as well, either celebrating the teachers and teaching assistants as well as your own children. If you would like to make a short video of one minute or less than please send to the above address. Please can I have any photos or videos by 26th March? Images do not need to be of school work, it could also include the time you spent as a family, going on walks, baking or playing games for example. I look forward to doing this and appreciate your support in advance.

### **Pearson Teaching Awards-Please nominate if you feel you can!**

These are annual awards and we have decided that we feel we should nominate some of our staff. In fact they are all due a nomination for being so fantastic during the recent times we have experienced. However, parents can also nominate for awards such 'Teaching Assistant of The Year' 'Excellence in Special Needs' and 'Newly Qualified Teacher of the Year.'

The system does require around 1000 words per entry and I am happy to help with this if you need me to.

The link below takes you directly to the page needed:

[2021 Categories | The Pearson National Teaching Awards](#)

### **Entries need to be in by March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

It almost feels like the start of term again, as we get to see everyone together after some very different weeks apart. Although we are far away from a 'normal' school day (whatever that really is!), we are moving closer towards it and its fantastic to be doing so. I remain cautious but very optimistic for the next few weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Parent/ Carer Signature.....

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