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Dear Parent/Carer,

I thought that you would like to know how our first day back went. We have had a lovely day – albeit with a lot of handwashing, sanitising and social distancing. The children settled into the new routines very easily and everything ran very smoothly and calmly. It was lovely to see them learning in the Forest, painting, doing P.E. and just sitting and chatting with their friends.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who brought their child in today. The fact that you followed all of the social distancing rules, came to the right entrance, stood on the right lines and adhered to the new one way system made a huge difference. Thank you as well for leaving the playground as soon as possible. Please remember that the children should only bring a coat and their packed lunch with them – anything else should be left at home.

As you can imagine getting ready for today took a lot of organisation and hard work. As a staff we spent a great deal of time going over a plan for wider re-opening, staff guidelines and a detailed risk assessment. On the back of this, we have made a couple of decisions that I would like to share with you. As a staff, we have decided that if a child has suspected coronavirus symptoms we will shut the bubble that they are in until they have had a negative test result back. We will also temporarily close a bubble if one of the members of staff who is leading it is unable to come into work through ill health. We believe that this will keep our school community as safe as possible.

I hope that those many children who were not able to come in have still enjoyed the highest calibre of on-line learning. We have tried really hard to make sure that we are doing the best that we can for all of our children; whether in or out of school.

Hopefully today is the first step in our slow journey back to normality!

Take care of each other,

Tina Clarke