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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday we are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 8th March 2021. The government had made it clear that they would make the opening of schools to all pupils a national priority as 'remote learning is no substitute for face to face learning'.

The Department for Education has stated that school attendance from 8th March 2021 will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school. The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and attendance absences followed up. Schools will also report 'children missing education' to the local authority.

The government has released updated operational guidance for fully reopening schools. Although much of the content is familiar there are some specific changes and some of these may affect primary schools. We will of course inform you of any changes in our processes and updates to our Risk Assessment. For a while at least staggered start and finish times alongside class bubbles will be part of school life at Great Waldingfield. Further details of the preventative measures we are taking will be sent to you as soon as they are finalised.

Although the majority of children will be looking forward to returning to school and being reunited with both their peers and teachers, others may be feeling apprehensive. We are here to support children and if your child needs our help in making the transition back into school please contact us via email admin@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk or phone 01787 374055.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tina Hosford'.

Tina Hosford
Headteacher

