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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

Like me, I imagine many of you were keen to hear the plans for the 'roadmap' from the government last week about easing restrictions around COVID-19. As expected, Boris Johnson outlined the plan for easing lockdown over the coming months. There are lots of positives that we can take away from this announcement and there is definite hope that things can get back to some sort of normality by the summer. Of course, a lot of caution has rightly been placed within the announcement to ensure that we do not return to a similar lockdown again.

As for schools, it has been announced that all pupils will return to from Monday 8th March, which will be welcome news to everyone. We are all very pleased that we will be able to welcome everyone back into the Pitcheroak School family. It has been such a long time and we have missed all those pupils who have not been in school very much indeed. The guidance is very clear – attendance at school is mandatory.

Hot dinners will be made available for your child and can be ordered on-line via <https://dinnerpay.co.uk/>.

Of course, my job now is to ensure that this can happen safely for everyone. As such, we will be looking at the detail that comes out from the government and making sure that we have all aspects covered.

Over this coming week, I will send out further information particularly linked to lateral flow testing. The whole school Risk Assessment has been updated and is available on the school website for you to read.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school and I will do my best to answer any queries.

Yours sincerely



S Holden
Headteacher

