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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to provide you with practical details and guidance on the full return of all our pupils to both schools on Monday 8th March. The staff have been busy preparing our schools and planning the return experience of our pupils to ensure safety, emotional support and a successful recovery for our school communities.

Risk Assessment

The risk assessment for the full re-opening of the schools is available for you to see on the Federation website: <https://croscombestokefederation.co.uk/cmsb/uploads/risk-assessment-c-19-croscombe-stoke-st-michael-federation-full-re-opening-08-03-21.pdf>

We recommend that you read the risk assessment in full as it will give you a thorough picture of all the steps that we are taking.

Staggered Start and End to School Day

Staggered drop off and collection times not only help to keep the bubbles of children safely separated as much as possible but also aid with the 2-meter social distancing amongst parents at the school gates. Please be prompt with timings, ensure that you do not congregate and leave as soon as it is possible. Children must be accompanied by an adult when on the road and not encouraged to cross by themselves. **Please wear a face mask and refrain from idling your vehicle's engine.**

Arrival and Collection Times

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) 8:45am 3:05pm
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) 8:50am 3:10pm
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) 8:55am 3:15pm

Uniform and P.E.

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform, however we appreciate that children grow out of uniform and shoes and we will be sensitive to the fact that, currently, procuring uniform and school shoes is not an easy undertaking. Children should come into school wearing P.E. kit on their TWO assigned P.E. days, thus reducing any changing of clothes happening on the school premises. Children should come dressed for forest school on their assigned forest school day. We will send out a reminder of specific P.E. and Forest School days.

School Meals

Hot meals will be available from the day of our return at both schools and we would ask you to submit your orders by Wednesday 3rd March prior to the first week back.

Power Maths/exercise books, tablets and Chromebooks

Please ensure that your child returns to school on Monday 8th with their Power Maths and exercise books. If you were allocated a tablet or Chrome book, please return the equipment along with any power leads to the adult on duty. Please return the equipment in a plastic bag. We will then be able to record that the item has been returned. Children can return with their school bags, book bags, lunchboxes and water bottles.

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Visitors

At this time, no parents are to come onto the school premises. The Government has said it is acceptable to have visitors on school premises if they are professionals supporting children in their well-being or education. For example, social workers, educational psychologists, school nurse service, site safety contractors, play therapy, etc. All visitors will be required to take a rapid Covid test (Lateral flow test) before coming on site.

Attendance

Children will be expected in school as normal from 8th March. We understand that some children and parents will be anxious and we would ask that you contact school as soon as possible so that we can find ways to provide support. However, the Government has been clear that school attendance is mandatory.

Covid Testing

All teaching staff undertake twice weekly rapid covid test (lateral flow) and report the negative result via email to the school. Children are not being tested. If a staff member tests positive for Covid, we will inform all parents/carers of pupils in the relevant bubble and the members of that bubble will be required to isolate for a 10-day period (The same will apply if we receive a report that a child has been identified as having Covid). This period allows possible symptoms to manifest themselves (persistent cough, high temperature and loss of taste/smell). See NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We will provide remote learning for those children who are not in school as a result of contracting Covid or suspected Covid.

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

Thursday 4th March marks World Book Day and in the morning live lessons, with a literary theme, will be provided according to the established time table for each class. Learning activities will be set for the Thursday afternoon and there will be no live afternoon sessions.

There will be no live lessons on Friday 5th March, children will undertake learning set by their class teacher; this will allow staff to prepare the learning environments in both schools in preparation for Monday 8th March.

Community Voice

To ensure that we are listening and responding to your concerns we have prepared a survey and would ask you to complete it if you have time. Please record any concerns that you may have particularly if they relate to your child/children's wellbeing. If you wish to seek clarification or simply reassurance, don't hesitate to contact the school office and we will endeavour to respond to you in good time.

Thankyou

Thank you for the tremendous efforts that you have invested in supporting your children in their remote learning. Your support has been invaluable in ensuring that our pupils have continued their learning under very difficult circumstances. We will take a balanced approach to the children's school experience with an emphasis on their recovery and wellbeing. We will tailor our support for every individual in our care and be with them every step of the way as they emerge from lockdown.

Kind Regards,
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