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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope my email finds you all fit and well. I write to update you on our final week of school closures as we all look forward to finally welcoming you all back in school. You will have received all of our detailed reopening information on Wednesday. If you have not yet read this, it is very important that you do, as it tells you all of the measures and actions that we need to follow in order to maintain excellent standards of health and safety. It can be found on the school's website or using the following link.

<https://www.chaselanepri.waltham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1011&type=pdf>

In addition, the school's reopening risk assessment can be found on the school's website

<https://www.chaselanepri.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Risk+Assessment&pid=110>

Staff, children and families will experience a wide range of thoughts and feelings about returning to school. These will range from being extremely positive to extremely negative and everything in between. For example, as parents you may be very concerned about the return to school whilst some might be ecstatic to be getting the children back. I ask where possible that you shield your child where necessary from your feelings and focus on how they are feeling about the return to school. This may seem a strange request but we must focus on the children at this stage. If as parents you have any concerns, then the senior leadership team and the school office are always happy to provide support and assistance if needed.

For the remainder of this half term we will be ensuring that the children will take part in many well-being activities to ensure that we have a smooth transition back into school life. The aim of this is to ensure that children are gently eased back into the social aspect of being surrounded by others and have the opportunity to take part in lots of physical activity. It will also help us to support children and get them back into the routine of the school day.

During the current lockdown, many families have borrowed a school iPad or a laptop. This has been a resource that has proven to be a lifeline to accessing online learning. I politely ask that you do **NOT** bring these back on Monday. This is so that we can focus on getting the children back to school safely. Instead we will be asking that families endeavour to return these items on the following dates and times.

		AM	PM
Wednesday 10 th March	Rec, Yr 2, Yr 4, Yr 6	8:30 – 9:15	3:00 – 3:45
Thursday 11 th March	Yr1, Yr 3, Yr 5	8:30 – 9:15	3:00 – 3:45

When you do return your device please ensure that it is charged and has any case and charger that was provided with the device. In the event of a class bubble having to close, we would offer devices back out to those who might need them but if we don't have them back in school we can't teach our computing curriculum.



Monday's return is slightly experimental with the changes of start and end times. Please ensure that where possible you arrive at the times stated to minimise pedestrian traffic.

Please make sure that you are wearing a face mask at all times whilst on site and that you keep a distance between others as much as possible.

Finally, can I say a huge thank you to all of the teachers, support staff, children and families. Teachers did not train to teach online. They have never in their entire careers been expected to put their craft on display for all parents to observe. This has been incredibly difficult for staff and I publicly thank them for what they have achieved as the remote learning offer provided has been outstanding.

I would also like to thank the children as they have shown great resilience and engagement throughout the course of this term. Children you are amazing!

Last thank you is to you, the parents and carers. I can only pretend to imagine how difficult it must have been to juggle children with online learning, trying to work from home and any other complexities that families have had to overcome. What you have achieved is incredible.

I am proud beyond description of what this school community has collectively achieved. Now please join me in hoping that we can wave goodbye to online learning and that we can continue to stay safe and back together, as it should be.

Kind regards and stay safe

Mr Jeffery

