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Dear Parents and Carers

## WELCOME BACK!

I am writing with further information for you regarding the full re-opening of the school.

### When will the children be returning?

We are delighted to be able to welcome all children back on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. For our returning families, all systems, times and entrances will be the same as they were in December. All those who were due to start with us in January should already have received details about their 'settling in' session.

### What is the situation around Covid Testing for those with no symptoms?

**All school staff members are now taking twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests** to enhance the safety of our school and local community. Please see the attached flyer from Luton Public Health regarding regular testing for everyone without symptoms. Schools are being asked to recommend that **all parents, carers and pupils access a test before returning to school** next week, to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If you, or anyone in your household has any of the Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of or change to sense of taste or smell) they must book in for a full PCR Covid test, either online (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) or by phoning 119.

**If anyone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19 or is waiting for a test result, you must not send your child to school, and the household must follow the self-isolation rules during this period.**

### What will happen if my child is isolating, in quarantine, or is unable for other reasons to return to Nursery yet?

The school will be continuing to provide remote learning via Class Dojo for the rest of this school year, so if your child is unable to return, they will still be able to access the curriculum. Our Family Workers and school staff will also continue to support families virtually, so please do contact us if you are in need of any help or support.

We understand that these are very challenging times for many, and will support you and your child to transition back in to school over a phased period if required.

If you have any concerns about your child returning to Nursery at this time, please contact Amanda - our Family Worker on [amacmillan@grasmere.nurseryluton.com](mailto:amacmillan@grasmere.nurseryluton.com) or **01582 593426**.

If your child is not on a government funded place (most children under the age of 3), we will be starting the invoice period from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our wonderful children and their families again!

In the meantime – please do email or telephone the school should you need any help or support.

Keep safe and well, and all best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Luxford', with a circular flourish above the end of the name.

Joy Luxford  
Headteacher