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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few final reminders about returning to school on Monday 8th March.

### **What should I pack in my children's school bag next week?**

We are limiting resources and equipment being brought into school but these essentials need to be brought in:

- Drinks bottle
- Lunch box
- PE kit, if not in school, and can be kept in lockers for the remainder of the term
- School books that the children have been recording their work in for Maths and English during lockdown as the Teachers would like the children to share their work with them. We will then send the books home for you to keep. Please note that the books will not be returned marked.
- Library books - the children can bring these into school with them every day as we are very keen to re-engage the children in reading every day and their reading diary too. If your child has not been given their reading diary yet, they will be given out next week
- Musical instruments, on the day of music lessons

If your child has a Chrome book on loan from the school we will not be collecting these back in until after Easter so please continue to look after them for us.

### **Will Parents and Carers still be able to join in the celebration assembly on a Friday at 3pm?**

We have all enjoyed having parents join our celebration assemblies on a Friday afternoon and we really want to continue to offer this opportunity. For those parents whose children will be receiving an award, you will be sent an email the day before the assembly, with the link to join the on the following Friday afternoon.

### **What permission do I need to provide for live streaming of events?**

Please can we ask all parents to complete the Google Form we will be sending out shortly for permission for your child to continue to be involved in live events, whilst in school, such as celebration assemblies, **by 12pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March.**



**Will my child need to wear a face covering in school?**

The government guidance states that 'Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering'. If an adult or child wears a face covering the guidance also states that the safe wearing of face coverings needs to be followed. This requires the: cleaning of hands before and after touching - including to remove or put them on; safe storage of them in an individual, sealable plastic bag between use. If a face covering gets damp, it should not be worn, and the face covering should be replaced carefully. If you choose for your child to not follow this guidance and wear a face covering your child needs to be able to follow these practices independently.

Parents and Carers we would like you all to continue to wear your face masks at drop off and pick up please.

**What if my child is ill with a non-covid related illness?**

Please follow the normal school guidance, if your child is ill, let the school know as soon as possible through telephone: 02380 261808 or email: [adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk) before 9am. If your child has any of the symptoms related to COVID-19 they need to stay at home, we also need to be informed and then you will need to follow the guidance regarding isolation and testing, as shared in the previous letter.

**Will my child still be able to wear non-uniform to celebrate their birthday?**

If your child has had their birthday during lockdown and would like to wear their non-uniform to school they can choose to wear it on one day of their choice during the first week back. Our birthday celebration of children wearing non-uniform into school will continue as normal from Monday 8th March.

**Will parents be able to access Lateral Flow Tests?**

The government has released information regarding the opportunity for parents and carers to be tested. This is a link to the press release; <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week> should you wish to read it. We have not been given any information regarding LFD testing for parents and carers. The only testing that we are required to engage with is staff LFD testing.

We will be reminding the children on their return of the safety measures and routines in school but please can we ask you to also do the same before Monday as well.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best wishes,



Zoe Loosemore  
Headteacher

