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Dear Parents/Carers

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### Welcome back

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and are excited to see them. The arrangements that will be in place at Cheddar Grove Primary School to welcome all children back to school full time on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March are the same as those we shared with you last year, and are attached for your information. I would also remind you that the full Risk Assessment can be viewed on the trust website at [www.wellswaymat.com](http://www.wellswaymat.com). We would also like to share this leaflet, produced by the government for parents, which can be viewed [here](#) and would encourage you to visit [www.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your child's return to school.

The situation regarding the wearing of face coverings has changed over recent weeks however and the government has issued new guidance to schools. The general advice is still that the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in primary schools because the measures in place provide sufficient protection and they have the potential to impact negatively on learning. It is still the case that children over the age of 11 are required to wear a face covering on public or school transport. We will of course keep this situation under review and take immediate action should the situation change.

We do appreciate that many children and families will be anxious about the return to school. This is entirely understandable and we will do what we can to ensure that pupils have a positive start back. We also know that some children will have had a difficult time during the lockdown which is why we sent out a wellbeing questionnaire to help us assess each individual child's needs so we can provide whatever support he or she may require.

We are all feeling a range of emotions: excitement about being back, tinged with some anxiety. We are confident in our plans and we absolutely know it is the right course of action to get all children back into school. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and to being together once again as a school community.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Jeffery  
Headteacher

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Chief Executive