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Dear Parents,

As you all know, schools will be reopening fully from 8th March. Last week, we shared with you a letter from our CEO, Oliver Burwood, regarding this. We are fully aware that this has been a difficult time for everybody and that there will be a number of anxieties from both parents and children regarding the return that we will need to address in as supportive a way as possible.

Firstly, we know that there will be a number of children who are anxious about the return to school for all sorts of reasons. We're aware that this will be the case and our staff will be on hand to allay fears and bring children gently back into the routines and expectations of daily school life. We were concerned about this ourselves in September but were amazed by the resilience shown by the children, as well as how quickly they settled back into school life after a prolonged break. If you have any specific concerns, please do email us ahead of Monday, as class teachers will not be able to speak to you on Monday morning.

Secondly, we know that some parents and carers will be anxious about the children returning to school as the first step out of lockdown. We hope that the approach we took in September will put your minds at rest in this regard. We have reviewed our Risk Assessment prior to reopening and have reinstated the procedures from the autumn term. (A reminder of these is attached to this letter). Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff remains paramount to us and we have well-established procedures and protocols in school to minimise risk.

Thirdly, we know that parents will be concerned about children falling behind or missing out on learning in this and previous lockdowns. Again, we have a recovery plan in place in order to support the children and to help them. As well as looking at this in the short term, we take a long term view, which means that actions will be in place over a sustained period of time to support the children.

We will be keeping you up to date regularly with any key changes or things that you need to be aware of and we will also answer questions on Moorlands Chat as quickly as we can. If you have any concerns about anything to do with reopening, please either phone the school or email enquiries@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk.

We are all very much looking forward to next week and having all the children back in school.

Yours faithfully,

K Lee
Head Teacher