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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you have heard by now that all nursery and primary school children in England will be returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Sabden Primary is no exception to this. I could hear the collective sigh of relief from over the hill! Rest assured that Sabden staff are absolutely thrilled that the school will be full again and look forward to getting everyone back in school.

As there has been so much disruption for a year now we want to get straight back to business as soon as possible on their return. As such the following will apply:

- There will no phased return back into school – all children back in class on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no staggered start and end times for school – all children will start school at 8.55am and finish at 3.30pm.
- Children should use the main door on Clitheroe Road to access school, rather than doors on the Whalley Road side. PARENTS MUST NOT COME INTO SCHOOL. Please leave your child to come into school themselves and try to vacate the area as soon as is possible in order to avoid congestion.
- Before and After school clubs will be back running at the normal times. Please complete a new form to request a place, this has been sent to you. Don't assume that you have a place just because you used to. This will be for the weeks up to Easter only. We will let you know when we need a new form for the Summer Term 21. Please reply by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Remember to book school dinners if you want to change your arrangements from when last in school please do so by emailing [office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk) to let us know your requirements. Please do not inform Mrs Maskell as this is not her department!
- School uniform should be worn with PE uniform being required on PE days – Mondays and Wednesdays.

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Our intentions for the three weeks when all children are in:

1<sup>st</sup> week back – During week 1 we are arranging activities so that children can get used to being back in school and socialising once again. We are arranging lots of mental health and wellbeing activities, outdoor activities and PE will be increased. Throughout this week staff will be undertaking subtle assessments of attainment to ensure that any gaps or declines in progress can be addressed. Staff will review Individual Pupil Progression Maps for those children on the SEN register.

2<sup>nd</sup> week back – Assessments will continue during this week with the teaching emphasise on reading, writing, handwriting, spelling and times tables. In the afternoons staff will concentrate on topics missed during both lockdowns in an attempt to start covering the knowledge they would have been taught. Staff will also contact parents of SEN children in order to share new targets and IPPM's.

3<sup>rd</sup> Week back – All children will be put into groups for English and Maths starting after Easter. The groups they are put into will reflect the level of attainment they are when coming back into school. The groups will give the children the opportunity to re-learn and fill in the gaps. This may mean a child is in a group with younger or older children for a short period of time. Each week all the school will have a theme they will work on, eg in maths it may be time or fractions and in English it might be writing extended sentences or adverbial starters.

Children have had such disruption to their learning we need to ensure that any learning that isn't secure can be addressed and put right. Basically, we are ability grouping children not for subjects but for aspects of that subject. During this week we will also be celebrating Easter with some special events organised for the children.

Whilst we cannot guarantee that we are Covid secure we can assure you that we continue to make the school as safe as we possibly can. Over the last year we have had four staff members who have contracted Covid but all four are believed to have contracted it from family members (usually whilst self-isolating with a positive family member) and only 4 children, again whilst self-isolating. Thankfully, all are now well. Staff are now taking a Lateral Flow Test twice weekly and reporting their results to the DfE and school. Hopefully with caution and respect for others you will continue to follow the Government advice regarding bubbles, masks and social distancing so we don't need to close bubbles in the forthcoming months.

I wish you all well and look forward to welcoming you all back on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Best wishes

**Mrs Maskell**  
**Headteacher**