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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that many of you are delighted that this period of home learning has nearly come to an end. We are certainly very much looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

The children at home have done incredibly well during this period, keeping up with their learning and continuing to make good progress. The children in school have also made good progress throughout and stayed cheerful. I cannot remember a time when I have given out so many head teacher awards and certificates to children at school and at home. Well done to each and every child. Despite this resilience, I can see at the Zoom meetings I attended this week, that the children are beginning to flag now and they need to be back in school with their class mates.

Children's wellbeing

Our aim from the outset will be to ensure that everyone is feeling happy and engaged in learning and continue to provide a full and rich curriculum. We plan to carry out a wellbeing survey with all children (whether they have been in school or not during the lockdown) next week to see how everyone is feeling. Once analysed, we will be able to put extra support in for any children who are feeling worried or anxious following lockdown. If you do have concerns about your child returning to school, please let your child's class teacher know so that we can provide support to them.

Parent Consultations

Over the last two weeks, teachers have been making contact with you all for parent consultations. Thank you to those of you who have attended these telephone conversations. If you could not attend your appointment or did not manage to schedule one, please contact the school office to arrange this so that you can gain important feedback about how your child is doing.

Available Lateral Flow testing for parents

The Government has confirmed that twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be made available **for free to all adults in households with primary school children** for those without symptoms. These tests will be available:

- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online.

Families are being invited to get tested at one of the rapid-testing sites across the county.

Shropshire Council-run sites (booking required)

- The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG
- Halo, Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way, Craven Arms, SY7 9PS
- Stanier Hall, Thomas Adams Sixth Form, Noble Street, Wem, SY4 5DT

Tests can be booked online at <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/lfdpublictesting/>

For those unable to visit sites, home test kits will be also available to collect at the following local testing sites between 1.30pm – 7pm each day:-

- London Road Car Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6NS
- Beatrice Street Car Park, Oswestry, SY11 1QW
- Smithfield Car Park, 25 Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RN

Reminders for Monday

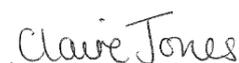
On Monday, please can you ensure that you arrive at the allocated arrival time for your child's year group. I have attached our guidance poster to this letter as a reminder regarding drop off/pick up times and locations. Please do not arrive early as this causes congestion, which we are trying to avoid. Also, please ensure that only one parent drops off/picks up to reduce the number of people in and around the school site.

Our School Street will be up and running again, so remember that you will not be able to drop off or park outside school on Greyfriars Road. Parking permits are still available and if you would like one, please contact the office. Please also remember to **wear a face mask at all times when on our school site** and please adhere to social distancing rules.

Wrap around care and some after school activities will be beginning on Monday too. You should have been contacted about this if your child is involved.

We are all really looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday after such an extended period at home. Thank you very much indeed for your support and co-operation at this very difficult time. I hope that you all take time to relax and enjoy some quiet time to yourself on Monday, if only for a few minutes! Until then, have a lovely weekend – hopefully another sunny one!

Yours sincerely,



Ms C Jones
Headteacher