

Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents/Carers

Viking Academy Trust: Term 4... Following the Prime Minister's announcement this evening, we can now look forward to the full reopening of our schools on Monday 8th March.

Understandably, whilst this is the news we have been waiting for and most definitely provides the 'light at the end of the tunnel' – with a further step back to the 'normality' and routine families are craving – we are mindful that there will be many families that receive the news of a return to school with mixed emotions.

Please be assured our staff are very sensitive to the fact that our children will each have had their own, unique 2021 lockdown experience. Across the next nine school days, children will have the opportunity to discuss returning to school with their teachers, with time spent encouraging children to voice any worries they may be feeling in order for us to support and reassure everyone.

Our Viking curriculum has, once again, been redesigned in order to reflect the priorities our children will need in order to ensure the transition back to school is successful for everyone. Whilst we are acutely aware of the impact the break in 'formal, face to face education' will have had – we also come from the premise that every child is an individual and 'one size does not fit all'. Our highly skilled team of teachers and support staff will spend the remainder of Term 4 ensuring children feel happy and safe in school. Once children are secure in their environment then the academic learning will undoubtedly flourish. And having witnessed first-hand, the resilience – grit and determination our children possessed following the first lockdown – I am confident, working in partnership with you – our children will begin to thrive once more!

Your child's Head of School - Miss Arthur (Upton), Mr Budge (RAPS) or Mrs Law (Chilton) - will write to you across the next week with school specific '**Back to School**' information.

If, having received your '**Back to School**' letter, you have any questions or concerns that remain unanswered, please do not hesitate to contact the school – or email me directly. My priority across this term will be to ensure communication systems are strong and everyone at Viking feels they have a voice – to speak out, be heard and most importantly, listened to.

Please continue to stay strong, stay safe and stay together – we really are nearly through this!

With my warmest wishes

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