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TO ALL PARENT/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

We are approaching the end of another busy half term and wanted to update you as best we can at this time.

Everybody is awaiting a further update from the Prime Minister on 22 February when it is expected he will set out key dates for a route map out of lockdown.

For all of us, of course one the most anticipated parts of his announcement will be regards schools. This setting, as all SEND settings, has of course remained open whilst carefully (with your support) implementing the safest environment we can for all. Nevertheless, due to the possible risk factors some families have remained with home learning during this time. However, through our close communication with families and care settings we understand now that some of you who made this choice in January are now starting to consider you feel less anxious about pupils returning. This is great news, but we must still consider the current guidance as we plan for pupils returning.

“For as long as coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, judgements will need to be made at a setting level about how to balance minimising risks from coronavirus (COVID-19), by maximising control measures, with providing a full educational experience for children and young people. Settings are asked to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil or student has during the day as part of implementing the system of controls to reduce the risk of transmission.

There cannot be a ‘one size fits all’ approach where the system of controls describes every scenario. Education setting leaders are best placed to understand the needs of their settings and communities, and to make informed judgements

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about how to balance delivering a broad and balanced curriculum with the measures needed to manage risk.”

So in every individual case we will seek to safely maximise pupil access across the week whilst considering our system of controls to reduce the risk of transmission, but also deliver a broad and balanced curriculum.

With this in mind, after half term and the Prime Minister’s announcement, we will survey all parents to seek your full views on our next steps led by the most current guidance.

We want to work with you to prepare all pupils for a potential full time return to School but we know some pupils will struggle with the return. We will work with you to consider the best ways of supporting you and your child. This may involve visits to school or a phased transition back.

For those pupils attending School leading up to February half term

Date	Actions	Contacts
Up to 3pm on 13 February 2021	Please notify the School by text if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 and were in school on Thursday 11 February or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven’t got symptoms) due to track and trace.	Text Archers Brook School Coronavirus Helpline number 07770 805074 when School is closed

Yours sincerely

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