



Somerville Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have heard from the Prime Minister yesterday; Schools in England will welcome back all children from Monday 8th March 2021.

Somerville Primary School will therefore be fully open for onsite education of all children from Monday 8th March 2021. We await further details from the government on the measures to be put in place to support this full reopening of the Primary School. However at this early stage it is envisaged that all of the previous measures which were in place until December and which have continued during this partial closure period will be maintained.

Somerville Nursery School remains open to children and from 8th March we hope that all children will return to the Nursery School for onsite education. We will be looking at how we can best support some of our youngest children to readjust to the Nursery School. As such we may be in touch to arrange a phased, gradual approach to reintroduce some children to the Nursery School's routines and to ensure that we can best support their developmental and emotional needs. For children who were due to start with us in January, we will arrange new settling in sessions for the week commencing 15th March 2021.

At both schools we intend to support both children and families to readjust to onsite education in a safe manner whilst being sensitive to the emotional needs of all of our children. We understand many of the challenges both you and your child have faced during this period of lockdown and intend to put into action recovery plans to ensure we can best meet the emotional needs of all children and any education which may have been either missed or need additional input.

Please remember that we need to continue to follow the guidance which still remains in place. Whilst the Prime Minister has shared some hopeful dates of relaxation of lockdown, we all want to ensure that these dates become firm and definite dates. This can only happen if we all pull together and continue to play our part in our community to keep everyone safe.

We have missed having all of our children in school and we are so looking forward to seeing them all back in school very soon.

I will be in touch shortly with further information as we approach 8th March, in the meantime look after yourselves and your family!

Mr M J Forber
Executive Headteacher