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Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost well done on surviving home learning for so long! As a parent myself I totally understand the difficulties and challenges you have all faced over this past year (yes, it is almost a year since the first lockdown!). I for one am so glad that my son will be back in school at the end of next week so I don't have to struggle with KS3 Maths and Science anymore.

We at school are so looking forward to seeing all our children back in and enjoying their learning in a classroom again. We know that some of you may be feeling a little anxious about the return (others may have the flags hanging outside) but let me assure you that school has put in place as many protocols and procedures to ensure that school is as safe as it can be. There is a parent information leaflet attached for you to read.

Although it is expected that all children wear full school uniform, I am aware that many children will have outgrown their school uniforms and some families may not have been able to buy new ones. We want to help. So if you have any good quality uniform (no stains or holes etc.) that you would like to donate we would be happy to collect, sort and quarantine them here at school with the idea of opening up an area where parents can come and choose uniform for their child. All we would ask is a small donation (if you can) to the school fund. Please contact the school office to arrange to drop off any uniform you have.

Following the announcement that households with children can now access lateral flow testing kits (LFD) Sunderland public health team have created an information sheet (attached) which explains how you can access home testing kits to support twice weekly testing. It is not compulsory to access the kits and is purely your choice, however, the staff in school have been doing this for several weeks now and it really gives us peace of mind that we could catch the virus quickly especially if we are asymptomatic.

Next week is **British Science Week** and **International Women's Day**, so all pupils returning to school will be doing lots of practical science and learning lots about influential women in science. Teachers will be gently assessing where children are currently in their learning and all the children will be embarking on some well-being activities to ensure the transition back into school is as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions or queries then please use the Class Dojo to contact the classteacher (please be patient as they will be teaching and so will answer as soon as they can) alternatively, you can telephone or email the school office.

As the final few days of home schooling approaches, give yourselves a pat on the back and know that you have done a good job. Our school family have been amazing and I feel quite emotional and incredibly proud of all the effort that you as parents, our children and the staff have put into making sure our children continue to receive the best education possible. A huge **WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU** for the continued support in these challenging times.

We look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday 8th March 2021**.
Stay safe and God bless

Mrs S Robertson