

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear families,

I am delighted that we will all be back in the building on the 8th! All staff have been working very hard to get the school ready and we look forward to welcoming you all.

We continue to ask you to wear masks during drop off and pick up times. Please also do not crowd the areas, use the other side of the pavement if you are waiting and remember to keep your distance from one another. Children are not required to wear masks in school. Recent studies show that ventilated classrooms are the most effective way of minimising risk so I will be making sure every room has good air circulation. On cold days please wear layers and we will do all we can to maintain temperatures in the classrooms.

Vaccinations are being rolled out fast (I had mine this week) and several other staff have had them too, we do not want to risk any further increases in the virus spreading when we are so close getting things back to normal.

I wanted to make you aware of some changes at the Inspiration Trust too. As you'll know, we are part of a family of schools supported by Inspiration Trust. We would like to share some exciting news with you - Gareth Stevens has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the trust.

Dame Rachel de Souza will become the new Children's Commissioner for England and will leave Inspiration Trust on 1st March.

Gareth Stevens is currently the trust's Secondary Director and provides support to eight secondary schools. Previously, he was the Principal of Hethersett Academy and successfully turned the school around from special measures to outstanding within two years. Under his leadership, Hethersett Academy has become one of the top performing schools in the region. In addition, the trust has announced that Lord Agnew will be re-joining as a trustee.

We will be sending further information next week regarding reopening so please keep an eye on your ParentMail inbox. There will not be major differences, it will be returning as we were before closure.

Finally, I have shared our most recent OFSTED report with you. Under COVID rules, OFSTED were not able to 'grade' the school. This is a shame, as you will read, we are doing extremely well. We hope to see them back in the summer term where they will be ready to publish the amazing job of staff at GYPA.

I hope this finds you all safe and well and I wish you all a very happy weekend. I look forward to seeing you online on Monday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Bloomfield

*Below is the Government Guidance. Please read it and follow all the advice:*

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>