



# WARRINGTON

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Dear Parents,

### **Pupils returning to school in March**

Schools are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in March and have taken every precaution to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible.

Each school will have a clear plan in place to ensure that all pupils continue to receive a high quality education that enables them to thrive and progress.

The government have advised that attendance at school from March 8th will once again become compulsory. The guidance from the autumn term means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply including:

- *Parents duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school or they are of compulsory school age*
- *Schools responsibilities to record and follow up absence*
- *The availability to the local authority to issue sanctions resulting in prosecution for poor school attendance*

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend school in line with public health advice. In these circumstances absence from school will not be penalised.

We will work closely with parents, schools and other agencies as appropriate to support your child's return to school. If you or your child feels anxious about returning to school please discuss these with school who will work with you to provide reassurance and support to you to ensure your child can return to school. This has been a difficult experience for everyone and we recognise there may be anxieties and worries.

Yours sincerely,

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