

*Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson*

## **Barley Lane School**

*Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork*

23rd February 2021

Dear All,

Come the 8<sup>th</sup> March folks all the children currently at home can and should return to school please; this will not be dependent on all staff returning as we will just have to work that potential problem out because the need to return to some kind of normality for the children is most pressing.

That said children at home and their families can negotiate with their teachers and supports staff what returning looks like for them and whilst I would encourage all of them to return full time from the off I understand the human reality may quite reasonably mean both reassuring people and agreeing for each individual child what returning to school looks like for them?

Throughout all of this the open and supportive conversations between home and school and most powerfully between parents and carers and their child's teacher and HLTA have been and remain the most important way to pragmatically agree what's best for each child and family.

Informally I do think, as I shared yesterday, that the period between the 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Easter Holidays will bring inevitable challenges and uncertainties but together we can work through them with the reasonable hope and expectation that when we return after Easter all children and staff are attending school reliably and normally.

This group of teachers and support staff is the most capable and committed I have worked with and I trust them to work supportively with each of the children and families in their care to encourage and negotiate and agree a safe and successful return to full time schooling and to do so flexibly and pragmatically.

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