

# Whitehill Junior School

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Hello Children

We are so excited that you will all be coming back to school on March the 8<sup>th</sup>. We have missed you 😊 The school has been very quiet!

The teachers and other staff are working hard to get ready for your return. They are planning fun things to do and getting the classrooms and school site safe and ready.

We know that some of you have not been into school since before Christmas and now it is nearly Easter. Imagine that! This long gap could make people feel a variety of emotions. Some people are relieved to be able to return, excited to see their friends or maybe a bit anxious about leaving home and coming back to school. Whatever you feel, it is fine. Remember all these feelings are okay none are right or wrong and they might even change day to day in the lead up to coming back, because that is what feelings do!

It is important that you know the teachers KNOW this is how you are all going to be feeling. They will have mixed emotions too but together we are going to be okay and get back to having fun times learning at school surrounded by our friends.

In the first week back, we have planned some exciting creative activities for you. Just like in September the return to school will be a gentle transition and we hope you will be having a good time. We will not be doing lots of “work” straight away, we will be using our skills to make things, to do art work and music and to get physically active as we know this is the best way to help get our brains into the learning zone again.

Some people might worry about “catching up”. You do not need to worry about this. Leave this to your adults. You are not behind. You are where you are and where you are is the perfect place to start 😊

Some children might be thinking about how we are all going to stay safe once you return to school, so I am attaching another short crib sheet about keeping you safe at Whitehill, which you might like to have handy before your return to school to reassure you.

Have a lovely, hopefully sunny, weekend.

Mrs McConnell Smith, Mr Mills and all the teachers and staff.

