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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to be able to welcome all children back into school today. Our members of staff have been reminding children about the routines we had in place in September, such as hand washing, social distancing and following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' system.

On the 22nd February the Prime Minister set out his road map out of lockdown and finally there is a glimmer of hope that some form of normality is in sight. However, as a school we must stress the importance of **continuing to follow government guidelines** so we can to keep our pupils, families and staff as safe as possible.

We sent out a newsletter last week via Ping (this is our main form of communication) and this is also available on the website to view. If you are having difficulties accessing letters via Ping please let school know and we can reset and resend login details.

Just to remind everyone that attendance is mandatory for all pupils, and the usual rules for attendance apply. Please call the office before 8:50am if your child is going to be off poorly.

Breakfast club will continue to run from 8:15am. If you do require a place please contact school as numbers are limited.

The biggest risk of transmission is through adult to adult contact, which is why we are asking staff members to wear face masks in communal areas and also why we would appreciate adults arriving at the various gates to also wear face coverings during drop off and pick up times. Remember only 1 adult should pick up and drop off their child to limit numbers around school.

COVID-19 Reminder

Symptoms:

- New continuous cough.
- High temperature.
- Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

In the event that anybody in your household develops symptoms all members of your household must isolate and COVID-19 test will be required and school must be informed.

If you are contacted by track and trace, you must follow their advice on isolation periods and **school must be informed.**

- If this is within school hours – please ring school immediately on (0191) 2374237.
- If this is out of school hours – please email the admin account at admin@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk or text the school mobile number on 07745790467 (**please remember to include the child's name as parent mobile numbers are not saved on this phone.**)

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Keeping safe in school

Members of staff are reinforcing on a daily basis our routines and procedures for keeping safe within school but we would really appreciate it if you could spend some time with your child going over the key points from the Home School Agreement which everyone signed in September.

I will do my best to:

- Follow the 'Bubble' rules that keep me safe and manage my behaviour so that I can keep others safe too;
- Be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing;
- Wash my hands as soon as I arrive at school;
- Tell an adult immediately if I feel unwell;
- Not bring unnecessary things into school from home, or take things home from school except for my reading bag;
- Only use the equipment in my desk pack;
- Only enter and exit the school building from the designated gate;
- Follow the catch it-bin it-kill it rules coughing and sneezing into my elbow or a tissue and then washing my hands;
- Regularly wash my hands using soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Follow these expectations and know that if I don't, I will be sent home and will not be able to come back into school until I can be safe.

