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Dear Parents

## **Re: Plans for the reopening of all Isle of Man schools**

I trust you are all staying safe and well. Below is the Government correspondence that has been issued today in relation to the opening of schools on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> and also what will be happening in relation to hub schools this week.

Schools closed on Thursday 7 January, except for 14 educational hubs maintained for vulnerable children and those of essential workers.

This week, local hubs will be created at all primary schools to deliver a smooth transition ahead of the planned return of all children on Monday 1st February.

Parents who are allowed to return to work this week due to the easing of restrictions, are reminded that they are not automatically classed as essential workers and are asked to keep their children home wherever possible for the rest of this week as many hubs remain at capacity.

From Thursday 28th January, children who currently attend a primary hub, will be required to return to their usual school where they will continue to be taught in bubbles and be provided with meals.

Dr Alex Allinson MHK, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, said:

‘This smooth transition will enable all staff, where required, to access their own school to prepare classrooms and lessons, observing all Public

Health requirements such as social distancing, ready for the reopening of all schools next week.'

'I would like to thank all teachers, parents and pupils for their commitment to distance learning, and look forward to seeing everyone back in classrooms again soon.'

All secondary hubs will continue to operate as they are now until the end of the week.

The Minister continued:

'To enable teachers to focus on preparing for the reopening of all schools, online learning will need to be scaled back this week.

'This means, from Thursday, no new work will be set, however, pupils are encouraged to use the time to catch up on any outstanding work and to consolidate their lockdown learning before schools restart.'

School bus services will return to normal from Monday 1 February.

As you can see, for any of our Marown pupils who have been attending the St. John's Hub during lockdown, they will return to Marown School on Thursday and Friday this week.

Our school will remain closed for all other pupils, until we reopen to all on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. All of the staff here have really missed the children and we hope things can get back to normal next Monday.

Enjoy this lovely weather (whilst it lasts!).

Kind regards,

Mrs Jackson