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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

Remote Learning

Today marks the end of the first Spring half term. Thank you to all students and parents/carers for the high levels of engagement with remote learning that we have seen in the last six weeks. It was not easy for anyone to switch to a completely new way of working last month. One teacher emailed me earlier this week with their observation:

“As we come towards half term, I just wanted to say how blown away I've been with the level of engagement shown by our students. The vast majority join every live lesson and contribute well via the chat. I have even noticed that some students who are reticent to put up their hand in class to answer a question, are happy to take part in lessons via the chat. At the end of the lessons, it has also been lovely to receive thanks and good wishes for the rest of the day/the evening/the weekend from my classes. The assessments that have been submitted again show the effort invested and have been excellent quality. The resilience and commitment shown by so many of our students is amazing.”

On your behalf, I thank all of the teachers and school staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication whether they have been working in school, from home or a combination of the two.

A Welcome Break from School Work

Just as at Christmas, please encourage your child to take a break from school work over the half term holiday. We know that we can't do any of our usual holiday activities this year but we can read books, watch TV, go for a walk and we could all do with a break from the screen!

Prime Minister's Planned Announcement

We understand that the Prime Minister will explain his roadmap out of lockdown on Monday 22 February. In this pandemic, schools have not received any advance notice of government plans and I expect that to be the case this month also. We find out when you do. Whatever the plans for schools are, we will work on them following the government announcement and communicate the detail to you as soon as possible thereafter.

The government has previously announced that all secondary schools will offer two lateral flow tests to students upon their return to school, whenever that will be. We have been putting plans in place for this. Next week all parents will receive a letter and associated documents including a form for you/your child to sign to consent to participation in lateral flow testing.



February Half Term

Although it is reassuring to hear that COVID-19 case numbers nationally are reducing, they are still at a worryingly high level. In order that normality can return at some time in the future we all need this lockdown to be as effective as possible. It is imperative that everyone continues to comply with the Stay at Home message over the half term, there should continue to be no household mixing.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

