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COVID-19 UPDATE 5TH FEBRUARY 2021

PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

Last week The Prime Minister indicated that Remote Learning will be continuing until at least the week ending Friday 5th March, which is two weeks after the half-term break.

There will be further information during the week beginning Monday 15th February with any decisions based on the state of infection levels, NHS pressure and the vaccine roll-out. I expect at that point, that information will be given on if and how more children will be brought back into school.

Every parent and every member of school staff will be in agreement that the best place for children to learn is when they are physically at school. However, the reality is that this is not going to be possible until at least Monday 8th March.

This gives a week up to half-term and 2-weeks afterwards. By the time we return after the half-term break, we should know a lot more about the government's intentions.

Any changes to the organisation of the school, as a result of new government announcement's will be communicated to you in good time.

HOME LEARNING:

I continue to be very impressed and pleased with the quality of the live online lessons that are being delivered by the teachers in very challenging circumstances, and the great support that the Teaching Assistants are providing for those children who are in the classroom.

Well-Being Wednesday should hopefully be providing a welcome break to parents from actively supporting online learning, but there is no doubt that carrying out that support role whilst balancing the needs of other children or work, is a huge challenge that at times can cause great strain in the household.

The worst thing that can happen is for either, or both, child and parent becoming upset or frustrated at the level of work and commitment needed. You are in the best position

to judge whether it is in the best interests of your child, yourself or other family members that your child take part in the live online lessons at a particular time, or on a particular day.

I am happy to trust you as responsible parents, to make those sort of decisions, so if your child does not appear for a lesson or lessons occasionally for genuine reasons as outlined above, then no-one will be chasing you for an explanation.

Clearly, this is not a licence to opt out of online lessons for your child completely, or even for large parts of it, but an acknowledgement that sometimes there are factors that make it preferable to the well-being of everyone in the house to give it a miss.

The only pointer I would give is that wherever possible your child should try and attend the maths and literacy lessons each day.

Of course, should it become a regular occurrence that your child is missing, then this will be raised with you.

HALF-TERM:

School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 12th February 2021 for the half-term holiday. It opens again at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 22nd February for children in the Key Worker and Vulnerable Group.

The government have confirmed that there will not be any child care provision for Key Worker children at half-term.

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