



Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to thank our parents and carers who are home learning, we know that this is a difficult job, especially where your child is refusing. Little and often is what we say, the weekly timetable is there as a guide for those children who welcome routine. On Friday, we sent out a link to a google form for parents to complete to enable access to some 'live' sessions with their class. There are a number of safeguarding protocols that must be followed and parents/carers must agree to this before these are put in place. Please click on the link sent by text on Friday and again today asap and complete the form.

We break up this Friday for half term. School will be closed to all pupils. Staff will have the chance of a well-deserved break after a very tough half term juggling safety, home learning, phone calls, lessons in school, their children's mental health and their own...and then Ofsted last week. Thank you very much to the parents who made **very** positive comments, these were shared with myself and my Deputy Heads, Mrs Aston and Mrs Marston. School will reopen on **Monday 22nd February** to our Key Worker and Vulnerable Children. We are still awaiting confirmation by the government on the full reopening of schools, to all pupils. We hope that this will be soon but still staff are 'at risk' due to not yet being vaccinated, we hope that this will be soon. Staff are still taking the lateral flow test twice weekly, so-far we have had no positive cases amongst our staff.

Home learning packs can be collected today from the school office for this week. Please drop of completed packs to be marked in the blue box. **Please wear a mask when coming into the main office to collect anything.**

Children's Mental Health Week is Next Week!

Thank you to everyone who on Friday 'DRESSED TO EXPRESS YOURSELF'. Thank you to the parents who shared pictures from home, and thank you to staff who supported our children in school. Photographs can be seen on our Facebook page.

Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for mental health. Don't let school work be something that stresses you or your child, it is half term next week so remember to have a break! You are the primary educator and this is your call.

If you are in any difficulty or need to inform school about any changes or you or your household becomes ill, please text the school teachers2parents text line: **07786208446** or the school Facebook page via messenger: **Middleton St Mary's Primary School**. We need to be aware about any positive cases, even if your child is not in school.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

