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Aberford Newsletter

COVID 19 Government Updates

As you may have seen, the Prime Minister made an announcement this week that schools will not fully open after February half term but he hopes they can resume from 8 March. This decision will depend on vaccination rates and schools will have two weeks' notice. The Government also confirmed yesterday that schools will not be open across February half term and that they will also not need to provide free school meals due to the provision of the winter food grant. This will be distributed by the council direct to those families who are eligible.

The news of an extension to the current lockdown means that we all have to continue our current way of working for a little longer, which we know will continue to be difficult for our children and families at home. Equally, our children and staff in school continue to adapt to a different way of working and are also missing our children at home. We continue to be very impressed with the learning completed both at home and school. Keep going everybody; we are doing a fabulous job in difficult circumstances!

Mental Health Support

Please do get in touch with school if we can help and support your child/family in any way, including mental health support as we continue to work with our cluster family support during this time. The links given below also contain information to support positive mental health in both children and parents during the pandemic.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw?xtor=CS8-1000-%5BPromo_Box%5D-%5BNews_Promo%5D-%5BNews_Promo%5D%5BPS_BITESIZE~N~articles/zrmhscw~P_FiveWaysToManageYourWellbeingAsAParentDuringLockdown%5D

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

Staff in school and at home have continued with our lateral flow test programme this week and we are very pleased that everyone remains well. We continue to be reassured about the extra level of protection that this is bringing to our school community.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. The weather looks dry for the moment so hopefully we can all manage to get some fresh air and stretch our legs!

Many thanks,

Mrs Crossley