



BATTLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to write to you following the Prime Minister's announcement this week that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning in schools after the February half term break. The government is hoping it will be safe to start the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March, and has promised that schools and parents will be given at least two weeks notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education. We should know more by mid-February and will, of course, update you when we can.

The announcement must have come as a huge disappointment to you, as well as to us, as we all want to get back to normal. I fully appreciate how much of a struggle home learning must be- juggling teaching, childcare and working from home must be an impossible task and I know many parents are worrying that their child isn't progressing as well as they could.

Speaking to our teachers, I know that the vast majority of the children are making a wonderful effort with home learning (encouraged by yourselves I'm sure) and please try not to worry about them losing some ground. If you could encourage your child to read and act on their teacher's feedback, that would be great. When schools reopen, we will put measures in place to make sure every child gets back on track, but in the meantime, thank you so much for all your brilliant support. I've attached a planning sheet for supporting home learning routines that you may find useful.

We're all delighted to hear there will be no SATs testing this year, so that's one less thing to worry about.

If the use of a device would help with home learning, we have iPads available for loan (no charge). So far we have offered them to children from Y1 to Y6 not attending school, so please get in touch if you would like one, or if connectivity is an issue. We may shortly be in a position to also offer iPads to Reception children.

I'd like you to know that all school staff are now doing twice weekly COVID-19 self-testing to ensure that the virus is not being spread within the school community.

Finally, if you feel school can help in any other way, please get in touch.

Take care and stay safe,
Louise Wells

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