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Dear Parents/Carers

We continue to thank you for all your support.

School Plans Nationally

You will be aware that last week the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning for all pupils immediately after the February half term and instead, hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of school and colleges from Monday 8 March. This decision will obviously depend on a number of significant factors but it has been made in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The message is very clear STAY AT HOME, SAVE LIVES, PROTECT THE NHS.

In the announcement by the Prime Minister, apparently Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers, will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education in one capacity or another. We sincerely hope that adequate notice will be given to allow us to have sufficient plans in place, as this certainly has not been the case to date.

Boldmere Schools will remain open to those vulnerable children and children of critical workers who are currently attending **after** February half term as they have been to date. Unless you inform us otherwise, we will assume that those children attending face-to-face provision at school, will continue the same provision after half term. All other pupils, as is the case presently, will continue to receive remote education at home. This is in line with the wider national lockdown measures to help minimise the spread of the virus and respond quickly to the new variant.

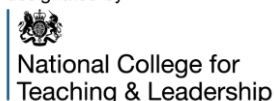
Education attendance restrictions are to be reviewed again in mid-February when the Government will look at when more pupils and students can be brought back into schools and further education.

We are fully aware this whole situation continues to be a massive challenge for us all. We relish the opportunity when children are able to return to schools safely, but at present this is not possible.

We hope our Boldmere community continues to stay safe and we take this opportunity to remind you that all schools will be closed to **all** pupils during February half term (15-19 February 2021).

Many thanks again for your continued understanding and ongoing support during these unprecedented times.

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

National Lockdown Guidance

It has, unfortunately, been brought to our attention by some members of our Boldmere community that children from different household bubbles are meeting and playing in groups together. Please follow the Government National Lockdown rules in order to keep everyone in our community as safe as possible. This is very important if your child is attending school in one of our bubbles.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and it has been lovely to hear about the wellbeing activities already taking place at home- I wonder how many glitter jars there are out there! A reminder that (Tomorrow) Wednesday 3 February, is 'inside out' day and children can wear an item of clothing inside out. The aim of this is to encourage thinking and conversations with each other about how someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside. We hope you will all join us in this!

Wellbeing Checks

There may be times when a member of staff may carry out a wellbeing phone call. We know how busy you all are and appreciate that you may not be able to answer. Please call us back if we leave you a message or send you a parent mail, at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

Important Notice - No Food In School Containing NUTS

May we remind all parents/guardians that due to the dietary needs/allergies of some of our children, please do not send your child into school with any food containing **nuts**.

E- Safety Reminder

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology, is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' > 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parent and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if your child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support only.

yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the infant school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

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