

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the last days of this half term, I wanted to share some information with you, before we hopefully enjoy some days away from screen time over the half term break.

Firstly, despite the challenges of this term, the quality of work, engagement and commitment from you and your children has been incredible. There is much talk in the press of "catching up" but the quality of work we are seeing online and the work that is being submitted shows us that this will not be the case for some. Throughout this period of lockdown learning has continued, developed and even accelerated. This is down to excellent work by colleagues, but also conscientious children and supportive families. We will do our best to manage both academic and pastoral support of each and every child on their return but will be assessing any gaps or shortfalls that may have developed.

Secondly, I have prepared a short assembly that can be shared with students and parents. It simply brings this half term to a close and shares a little information about how we hope to manage the rest of the lockdown period. We are awaiting information from the government about the approach to bringing more children back into the building and when we know more, we will let you know. The assembly is here:

[https://www.loom.com/share/60b068dfaa674a4b8cd8b271aa09e4dd?sharedAppSource=personal\\_library](https://www.loom.com/share/60b068dfaa674a4b8cd8b271aa09e4dd?sharedAppSource=personal_library)

You will also see on the assembly that we are asking children to enjoy their half term and then use the weeks after the break to refine their working habits, ready to return to school. Getting up and dressed, growing out any experimental hair colours and keeping on reading as much as possible. It is likely that during the last weeks of lockdown, teachers will be doing lots of quizzes and lessons that allow them to see how much children know, so that lessons can be really focussed on return. Keeping us fixed on good behaviour and great teaching will ensure all students can return, feeling supported and ready.

I hope the longer days and occasional glimpses of sunshine continue over the next week to make life just a little bit better for us all!

Thank you again for your support and understanding during such a difficult and challenging time. **Online, remote school lessons will finish at the end of school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and will re-start at 9am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Have a great week and we will write again as soon as the government tell us more about their roadmap out of lockdown and how we intend to make sure all of our students return as quickly and as safely as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher