



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now come to the end of the half-term and I think everyone is ready for a break from online learning - pupils, staff and parents! We have been really pleased with how well most children have been engaging in their online learning and how well the pupils attending school have done. It has been a challenge but hopefully we are getting towards the end of this lockdown period and closer to being back to full opening. In terms of school work, please do not expect pupils to catch up on any unfinished work (unless they particularly want to) during the half-term break. Children do need some time away from this and fresh lessons will be set for the new half-term.

There will be a Government announcement on February 22nd, which should give us an indication of how schools will begin getting back to full school opening. As soon as we have any further updates about how and when this will begin, Mr Barnes and I will be writing to inform you.

At this time of the year, we would usually be sending out a pupil progress report and organising subject parents' evenings. However, as I'm sure you will appreciate, neither of these things are possible. At the moment, our main focus is supporting pupils in engaging in their Google Classroom learning and their mental health. Reporting on their learning and parents' evenings will take place in the Summer term, when children have been back at school, assessments have taken place and we are able to accurately discuss the children and their progress.

I would like to end, as always, by thanking all of the staff for their hard work during the last half-term; the children for engaging as much as they are able to with their work; and parents for their continued and much appreciated support. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns or require any help from us.

I would like to wish you and your families a relaxing half-term break.

Regards,

Karen McSparron  
Head of School