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**Care, Collaboration, Challenge**Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parent

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children that have been learning from home during this half term. The amount and quality of the work that has been produced has been amazing. I would also like to thank their parents for all that they have done in supporting their children so that they can access their home learning. As a school, we appreciate the difficulties and sometimes frustrations that this has caused. Thank you for persevering and going that extra mile.

Thank you to all of those parents that have written to us with such kind messages of support. Our staff have been working incredibly hard, supporting those children at home and working with the large numbers of children that we have in school. Like you, they've had to grapple with the technology and adapt to new ways of doing things. They have been amazing and I would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that all children have had the opportunity to continue their learning this term.

During the half term holiday, there is no expectation that the children do any work. I'm sure that those of you supporting your children at home will be very grateful to put Class Dojo aside for a while!

In his announcement to Parliament, the Prime Minister confirmed that schools would not re-open before Monday 8th March and that this would be dependent on a number of factors, including infection rates and how successfully the government has delivered its vaccination programme. Schools will receive two weeks' notice of reopening. Our remote learning offer will continue, therefore, for the first two weeks of the half term. As soon as we have more information regarding reopening, we will be in touch.

Throughout this term, we have continued to do all that we can to ensure that school is a safe environment. Children remain in their bubbles throughout the day, playtimes are staggered to ensure no mixing of bubbles on the playground, and we have a more rigorous daily cleaning regimen. Staff within the academy are now doing regular lateral flow tests, to pick up on anyone that is asymptomatic. The children in school have been fantastic and continue to take the new 'norm' in their stride.

Like you, we all look forward to the time when all of our children are back in school and we can get back to some semblance of normality. Thank you, as always, for your support over the term. School will re-open to children of key workers and our vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February at 9am.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett