



29th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Spring Information Letter 10 – Government announcements this week.

Firstly, I hope you are all safe and well.

February Half-Term

The DFE Guidance for Schools published on 26th February gave notice to schools to close over the February half-term break for all pupils:

'Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week'. I am sure that you are aware of this information however in order to fully prepare key workers for the week of school closure I am writing to let you know the situation in advance of the date.

Please note that as school will be closed for all pupils there will not be any work set or checked on Seesaw during the half-term week.

National Lockdown Position

The following evening, the Prime Minister gave a statement on the national lockdown position for schools announcing that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term. He stated that he hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools and colleges from Monday 8th March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

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.

Schools and colleges will remain open to vulnerable children, young people, and the children of critical workers after February half-term, as they are now. All other pupils will continue to receive high quality 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.

I will write to you with updates and further information once schools have been notified of the wider reopening plans.

Kind regards

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Headteacher