

21st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week would, in more normal times, be half term. I want to really encourage you all to give your children a break from home learning and to treat the week as a holiday, as much as you possibly can. We are all working incredibly hard and it is only right that everyone gets some time to enjoy themselves with their family. There will be many temptations but we need to remember to stay as safe as possible to ensure there is not a second wave and growth in the number of people contracting Covid 19.

As I have said, our staff have continued to work extremely hard and many of them will be continuing to work during the half term holiday so that our schools can remain open to key groups of children during this time.

As you know, we are planning for how we could possibly extend our offer for more groups of children to come into school and you will have been contacted by your own school regarding this. However, I want to make it very clear that no decision has yet been made due to the complex nature of the issue. We are working in partnership with other organisations and we will be able to give you more information on Friday 29th May.

I do appreciate that this is very short notice if we do change things but please understand that we cannot make a decision any sooner: we must consider the information at the time to ensure the safety and well being of everyone concerned. As I have always said, we want to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so. I would also remind you that the final decision will be with you, the parents, as to whether you send your children back to school.

I know that many of you will be looking forward to celebrating the end of Ramadan this weekend and I want to wish you a huge Eid Mubarak. I hope you are able to celebrate with your own household whilst still following the social distancing guidance in order for us to keep reducing the number of those affected by Covid 19.

I thank you all wholeheartedly for everything you are doing to with us in partnership. I hope you all have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

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