

12th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing at the end of what must be for all of us the longest ever half term! I would like to thank you and of course your children for all your positive engagement and resilience during this most difficult of times.

We would like all children to have a complete break from schoolwork next week. (I appreciate it might be too much to hope they have a complete break from their screens as well!)

From Monday 22nd we will start afresh with our current structure and provision. We will not be expecting any pupils to complete tasks or assignments that they may have fallen behind with. Please do not be concerned about this; we will “catch up” with them as and when they return to school.

We are, of course, anticipating an announcement from the Government on the 22nd February with regards to the return to school. I anticipate a huge amount of press speculation about what this may entail. Please rest assured we will consider all the implications of this pending announcement and will write to you at the earliest opportunity to confirm all necessary arrangements.

You may be aware we have had our parents’ forums over the last few weeks. I would like to thank all of you who gave of your time to feedback on our provision. We have already made a few “tweaks” in response to some of your comments. A number of parents have asked for further clarification with regards to accessing their child’s feedback, I have attached a link below to support you in using the “grades tab” in teams.

[Using the Grades Tab to Access your Child's Feedback in Teams](#)

Finally, I have had a meeting with our wonderful Year 8 senior ambassadors this morning. We are very keen to encourage all pupils to devote some time and energy next half term to think of others and to support our chosen charity, the Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are obviously restricted in being able to run fund raising events, however, the children would like to begin with organising a sponsored walk for families in the hope this will “kick start” our

fundraising in advance of other events that we may be able to run in the summer. Our initial target is to raise £2,500 which will enable us to “adopt” and name a guide dog puppy. Our ambassadors will confirm all arrangements after half term.

I hope you all have a great break

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P J Bowers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P J Bowers
Headteacher