



Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this most unusual of half terms, I would like to thank you and your children for all your support and cooperation with the many new arrangements in school this half term. The children have been amazing and achieved so much already and it's been great to hear such positive feedback about how well the zoom parents evening have gone. Although it's not quite the same as meeting in person, I know the teachers have appreciated the opportunity to meet you virtually to discuss the progress your children are making and how we can continue to work together to support them as effectively as possible.

Next half term will no doubt continue to be a challenge with the virus so much more prevalent in our community and the new local tier 3 restrictions in place. However, together we will continue to remain a positive and resilient school community to ensure our children have the best experiences we can provide. We also recognise the importance of ongoing and clear lines of communication. For clarity, we have outlined our communication procedures and expectations in a three page document which is also attached to this email. We hope you find this helpful so you are clear about how to keep up to date with all that is going on in school for your children and so you know who to go to in the first instance when you have a query or question.

The school building works to replace the floors at the First School will be starting over half term. The works should take 20 weeks in total and is split into 5 phases. The first phase impacts on Year 2, whose classrooms in the main school building have now been temporarily moved for at least the first 3 weeks of next half term. The Year 2 classes affected will receive a letter explaining the details and revised drop off and collection arrangements in time for the children returning to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. In addition, please note that the access to Reception and Nursery class entrances from the Year 3 playground will be closed from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. All access to Reception and Nursery class entrances will have to be via the front entrance of the school.

I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back in November.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs Liz Hardy Executive Headteacher

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