



19th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stepping through 2021 Lockdown – Step 7 – An Unexpected One!

IMPORTANT – In-School Provision in Years 1 and 2 closed for one day on Monday 22nd February

We hope that you and your families have been able to enjoy some sort of half-term 'feeling' during the past week in spite of all the limitations that we are facing together. The weather hasn't made it easy has it?!

Unfortunately early on in the week, and as a result of the regular COVID testing that the school team are now doing, Miss Cameron found herself receiving a positive test for Coronavirus. As a result she is currently self-isolating and taking care of herself. We are pleased that Miss Cameron is not having to deal with significant symptoms and we hope to see her back in school, and feeling well, very soon. Fortunately the rest of the staff team undertaking testing have not seen any positive results and are all healthy.

Following Miss Cameron's diagnosis, and distanced contact that she had with colleagues on the Non-Pupil Days before the break, Mr Franklin and Miss Hall have been self-isolating. As a result of this they will not be in school on Monday, but guidance tells them that they can return to work on Tuesday – great news! Mr Hampton who also had some contact with Miss Cameron during Thursday and Friday will also not be in school on Monday as we seek to be cautious and ensure everyone's safety.

Due to the staffing challenges that these periods of isolation present we have taken the decision to:-

- **Close in-school provision in Years 1 and 2 for one day only - Monday 22nd February**
- **Open in-school provision in Years 1 and 2 from Tuesday 23rd February onward**
- **Ensure that remote learning opportunities will continue for children in Years 1 and 2 from Monday 22nd February**
- **Keep all other in-school provision open as normal**

We understand that this will present inconvenience and difficulty, we apologise for this, but sadly we are not able to offer teacher-led provision in Years 1 and 2 on Monday without impacting upon the 'bubbles' that we have in place keeping children and staff throughout school safe. It is these bubbles which continue to ensure that where staff or families do face situations where there are positive diagnoses, we can limit the impact that this has on school provision for everyone.

As always we seek to do all that we can to be alongside you during these challenging times. With this in mind, if the closure of Key Stage 1 for the day presents you with an impossible situation please get in touch with us via School Gateway or email, admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk by the end of the day today: Friday 19th February. If you get in touch we will seek to get in contact you to explore the situation with you and consider how we might help.

In spite of this little 'blip' we are really looking forward to beginning a half term with you that we all hope will see us reunited in school over the coming weeks. As soon as we know anything about the future plans for reopening schools we will be in touch with you and, of course we'll be in touch in the meantime too.

Yours sincerely,

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