



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Stepping through 2021 Lockdown – Step 8 Welcome Back!**

Following our letter last week we really hope that you and your families were able to enjoy a feeling of having a half-term 'break' last week. Not easy we know with restrictions currently in place, and with the wet weather that continued over the weekend, but important all the same!

We're starting this half term off in slightly unusual circumstances following the unfortunate news that we shared with you about Miss Cameron's positive test for coronavirus during half term. We continue to wish Miss Cameron well and hope to see her back to full health soon. With Key Stage 1 in-school provision closed for the day today, Mr Franklin and Miss Hall are operating from home and will return to school tomorrow. You'll be hearing from them via Google Classroom or the school website today so keep an eye on that. We are grateful to all of the families who typically rely on this provision for keeping children at home for today – it has supported us in keeping the school environment a safe and comfortable one for all.

By way of further reassurance, the team at school continue to take twice-weekly tests to check for COVID-19 and there have been no other positive results seen among the staff. With this in mind we look forward to picking up 'on-site' operation of in-school provision where we left off before half term from tomorrow.

With one or two reports of cases within families within the community, we are reminded of the continued importance of following current guidelines around distancing and managing our day-to-day activities. We wish anyone dealing with diagnoses, symptoms or isolation well.

#### Moving Forward?

There's positive news in the media this morning suggesting that we can expect a return to school for children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – two weeks today! While as a school we have had no direct information relating to this, we might expect it to follow the Prime Minister's discussions in Parliament this afternoon and press conference this evening. We will of course share information that we receive and how it will relate to us in the Haytor View community as soon as this is clear. It's good to feel that we're moving in a positive direction and that everyone's efforts in keeping each other safe will see us rewarded soon.

#### World Book Day

Another day to look forward to is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March when our 'Bedtime Stories' themed World Book Day celebrations will be taking place. Keep an eye on communications from your class to hear what this can look like for you. Needless to say, with that theme, there's going to be pyjamas and stories involved!

#### Remote Learning

Thanks to everyone who is positively taking part in learning at home however this looks for you. We'll continue to listen to what you need over the coming weeks, and do our best to make any contact you make worth your while. If you're looking to engage online but are struggling with tablets/laptops or with online connections do get in touch with us – we have machines available as well as options to get you hooked up online all free of charge and free of expectations!

We wish you a positive first week of the half-term. Do keep in touch – you know where we are, and we're always pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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