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## CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 39

Dear Parents

As we approach the half term holiday, I wish to thank you for everything you have been doing to support remote learning or school learning. The term started with inevitable disruption for so many and the continual news stories about vaccinations as well as Covid variation presented a roller coaster of emotion for many as we all seek positive news and assurance.

Earlier this week we emailed the arrangements to all entitled for free school meal vouchers over the half term holiday.

Thank you to those who responded to the early years' consultation on remote learning platforms. This has now closed and your feedback will help to determine future planning in this aspect.

Staff have engaged in weekly Covid testing programmes yet we did have timely reminders of the transmission of the virus with two bubble closures this term.

We continue to think ahead and plan for the following year but the staff felt a real sense of frustration when they were picking up momentum in closing the gaps in pupil progress in the Autumn term, only for the 'catch up' arrangements to be suspended by the next wave. Rest assured, we will be just as committed to addressing any gaps as soon as the children are back.

We look forward to hearing some guidance on 22<sup>nd</sup> February in relation to school and in the meantime, we hope that you and your children will be able to spend time away from remote learning and seek some sort of relaxation within the current restrictions.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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