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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. It has certainly been an interesting half-term, with lots of challenges and new experiences for us all. I know that remote learning has been a challenge for many families, but I must say we are all very impressed with the work that we are seeing in school.

Unfortunately we have had our first confirmed case of COVID-19 this week and have therefore had to close to four classes and send 6 staff home to self-isolate. If we get a confirmed case, we will let you know as soon as we possibly can. If your child is a potential contact, he or she will need to self-isolate for ten days. This means that they need to stay at home and not mix with other people. We tell you the date their isolation can end in a letter. It is very important that you follow the rules for self-isolation to prevent the further spread of the virus. More information can be found here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/ If your child does not have any symptoms, the rest of the family can carry on as normal.

I was notified of the confirmed case at 6.50am on Wednesday morning. We then had a short window of time to let families and staff know before they set out for school. Please make sure you read messages from school on ParentMail. If you are experiencing any problems with ParentMail, please contact the school office who will do their very best to help. We will always try to let you know if school is going to be closed as early as we possibly can. I am sorry if it has made an already stressful time even more complicated for some of you. I know that it is not easy balancing childcare and work at the moment.

The government are making an announcement on 22nd February about the possible full reopening of schools from 8th March. As soon as we have more information I will let you know. As next week is half -term, the staff will be having a well deserved break so will not be sending out any remote learning planning. You will receive planning for the week beginning 22nd February on Friday next week. I hope that you can all enjoy a little bit of downtime with the family.

In terms of all of the building work taking place on site, the roofing work is progressing well and most of the roof is now insulated again. The boiler work is not at a point where we are seeing any improvements to the heating yet, but hopefully things are moving in the right direction. Although the work was due to be finished by the end of February, the timeframe has now been extended until the end of March. Thank you for all of your patience with the coming and going of contractors and vehicles and the restrictions the building compounds are placing on the site.

Thank you for all of your support and patience with us during what has been a really trying time for everyone. Better days are definitely coming.

Stay well and stay safe. C J Mayfield Headteacher