

12th February 2021

Dear Parents/carers

A Big Thank You!

I hope this letter finds you well and you have had some positive experiences with your child's learning this week. We have come to end of the first half term in 2021 and it has been an extremely challenging one for you all in so many different ways. However, I really do hope you feel proud of the progress you have made as 'parent educators' this term and again, I cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

We have received some brilliant feedback from the survey that was published last week and are thrilled to know that around 80% of our parents who responded to the survey find the quality of our home learning provision to be between excellent and good. I will be taking away this feedback, alongside individual comments made, and compile a plan going forward where you will hopefully see the implementation of some of your wonderful suggestions. It is great to obtain your perceptions and truly thank those for giving us such vital feedback.

Contact Track and Tracing

Given the reduced numbers currently on school sites, the Department for Education expects contact tracing activity to be reduced over half-term for schools, however, contact tracing remains vitally important in the continued, national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils or staff members attending their setting test positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in the setting**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in the setting.

If you, therefore, fall into this category over the half term holiday please email head@hcschool.org.uk to inform us of the positive COVID-19 test result.

Where pupils or staff members attending their setting test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in the setting, the setting is not required to take any action**. Staff, parents, and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Central Bedfordshire Council have put together a useful 1 page summary guide to self-isolation - we have put a copy on our [website](#) for you to access.

Preschool and Robins Key Worker Bubble Update

Earlier in the week, a letter was sent to all parents whose children attend preschool. After half term we begin to welcome back our Preschool children on a staggered basis. This means the Robins key worker and vulnerable provision will now be in the main school building in their

original classroom. If you are attending this provision, please come to the main school green gate for drop off and collection, at the same times, from Monday, 22nd February.

Technology update

Today, I was delighted to welcome onto our school grounds the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire who gifted the school with 3 new Chromebooks. These devices have been provided by Bedfordshire Learning Link and will go a long way to helping the school support its children with learning both at home and in school; a huge thank you goes to them from all of us.

A reminder to parents to please get in touch if you are struggling with technology at home or have difficulties with internet access as we may be able to offer a solution. Things may have changed over time and we want to be able to support everyone who may need help during these unprecedented times.

Lastly, if there is any update that needs to be shared with you with regards to the wider school beginning to reopen from the 8th March, please rest assured this will be communicated with you.

In the meantime, please enjoy the wonderful half term break; spend some well-deserved quality time with your families. We thank you all for your support, kind words and continued belief that we will always ensure that the safety and best interests of our pupils, staff and families remain our priority.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heaslip".

Miss Heaslip
Headteacher