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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning

I know it's been a tough term for everyone and not what we had hoped for our children. However well done for all your efforts with remote learning. We know from communications that a common theme is the pressure to get everything done especially as the weeks have gone on and the novelty has worn off for the children. We appreciate that it's hard to juggle working, remote learning, several children doing different work etc... Our advice to everyone is to just do your best. We're finding it hard too as this isn't how we teach. We do lots more discussion and practical work. We adapt lessons as we go when we realise children are finding it difficult or have understood it and are ready for a challenge. We can't do that remotely and neither can you. Please try not to worry about your child 'falling behind' which we know is being discussed in the media at the moment. All children are in the same boat and when the children return to school we will look at where they are with their learning and plan their next steps. It's what we do best. You know your child best at the moment, if they need extra breaks - take them, if they have had enough - stop, equally if they are getting on well with their work - challenge them to do more. I hope the remainder of this week goes well and make sure you all enjoy a break over half term. The staff are really enjoying seeing the children on a Friday assembly and it creates a great 'buzz' in school amongst everyone, which we are so missing without all the children here.

Returning to School

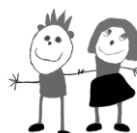
The earliest we will know about a date for returning to school is in the announcement due on the 22nd February. We do not get any prior warning on what the announcement is going to be. As soon as we know a reopening date we will start planning and will be in touch.

Free School Meals

If you currently receive Free School Meals, vouchers for over half term will be coming to you on Friday 12th February from Wonde.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)





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- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credits
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can visit the web link to check if you are eligible: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Hope you all have a lovely half term.

Mrs Edwards
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