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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed your time in the snow as families earlier this week. I was pleased to receive your appreciation on Monday when we opened despite the elements; we couldn't have opened without our whole team coming in. They are demonstrating real determination and commitment towards providing education for all of our children.

A few updates from this week.

Will we open on 8th March?

You would have seen that schools may open to all children the week beginning Monday 8th March- this is yet to be confirmed. I will update you as soon as we have confirmation; updates are often released whilst we're working so you may find out before us!

February Half Term

Nottinghamshire and the DfE have confirmed that schools will not be open during the February half-term. We welcome this so that staff and families alike can rest, recharge and enjoy time with their loved ones. The academy will not be setting any home learning over the February half term to help with this, however we will set phonics learning to children who need to keep practicing!

Lateral Flow Testing in Schools and Remote Learning

Our tests have arrived and staff have started self-testing. As I mentioned in last week's update- your children will have come home this week with an exercise book and possibly some additional resources to support their remote learning should we need to 'burst' a bubble. Please start looking at how we structure remote learning on Class Dojo to avoid our teachers being inundated with the same queries on the first day of a potential bubble closure. We will self-test on Sunday and Wednesday evenings- if a bubble was to 'pop' you will find out via Class Dojo during those evenings.

We still have reports of children mixing with children outside of their families and support bubbles. No one is above the law, and everyone is susceptible to contracting the virus. Please do not put our staff and other people's children at risk.



Communication with School and Staff

Although times are difficult for us all, a little courtesy goes a long way. Being able to have almost instant communication between home and school over Dojo and email is incredible; thank you to parents who understand that teachers will respond in working hours.

Lunches

As was shared at the beginning of lockdown, unfortunately we cannot guarantee what will be served for school dinners as supply chains have been affected; we are trying to stick to the menus as much as possible but there will be variations. Dietary requirements are still catered for. If you know your child is particular about what they eat, or need to know what they're having in advance, I would suggest you send them in with a packed lunch every day.

Supporting us, support you

A huge thank you to the parents and families who continue to support us via messages on Dojo, email and face to face (from a distance!)- we share these messages between us as a team and each one is very much so appreciated. Staff are working twice as hard running a full timetable in school and remote learning; many have families to go home to look after and manage their remote learning too. I'm trying my best to look after the team but the additional deliveries from you of biscuits, chocolates and even samosas this week has been a real treat!

Thank you for thinking about us and our wellbeing during this time, especially when I know things are difficult for those of you home schooling and working from home.

Feel Good Fridays

In order to keep spirits high, the grown-ups in school will be taking part in Feel Good Fridays. There will be themes; fair warning to you all in case you begin to wonder why we look stranger than usual! At times we may ask the children to join in. For example, Friday 12th February will be a dress down Friday. Children can come in wearing their own clothes. No donation required- just bring in an extra dose of 'feel good'!

Stay safe- we're all in this together.

Mrs Chandhoke
Principal
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