



5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL

I would firstly like to say how well the children have adapted, yet again, to the new way of working in school. Despite things being 'different', there continues to be a true sense of purpose across the school.

Important Information

The Department for Education have confirmed that schools **will not be open to any children during half term**. Therefore, the children will finish school on Friday 12th February and return on Monday 22nd February.

We will not be setting homework over the half term period.

Covid Update Information

As of Monday 25th January, all primary school staff had the opportunity to take part in voluntary lateral flow testing. Delapre staff are taking part in this. Hopefully, in this way, we will pick up any positive cases, even if someone is asymptomatic and therefore reduce transmission. If there is a positive case found, our usual in school contact tracing will take place, which may result in a bubble closing.

Covid Protocol Reminders

Please can I ask that **all adults continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) as soon as entering the school site**. Thank you to those that comply with this request every day however, we still have to give out masks to parents that seem to have forgotten.

I would also like to remind parents that if you are waiting in the playground for older siblings to be dropped off or to be picked up, that your children stay with you rather than run around. We are trying our best to limit contact between bubbles for obvious reasons. Allowing your children to run around does not help this.

Next Steps

The only information we have on schools re-opening is the same as everyone else. The Prime Minister has said that they **will not open before 8th March**. Usually, as I have said before, schools do not get to know any new guidance any earlier than anyone else. Maybe it will be different this time but I highly doubt it! The only thing I can say is that as soon as we do have an idea of how re-opening is going to look, we will work hard at getting a return plan pulled together as quickly as we can.



Finally

Thank you for the many messages of support that we have received on Twitter, via email and in person. These messages are always shared with staff, who appreciate them a great deal. This term has been incredibly demanding for all of us in different ways however, I can categorically state how proud I am of the team here at Delapre who continue to educate and care for your precious children.

I truly hope you all have a restful and safe half term.

Yours faithfully

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**H Portrey
Headteacher**