



Headteacher : H.Portrey

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **CHILDREN AT HOME - REMOTE LEARNING**

What a busy start to the year! It does not seem possible that only just over 4 weeks ago we were welcoming in 2021. Whilst all of us at Delapre want nothing more than to be 'back to normal', I have to ensure that the school is as safe as it can be. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have not been able to provide school places to all that have requested one due to the overwhelming number of applications during this lockdown. Developing the remote learning across the school has been quite a journey – and continues to be so. We are tweaking and improving things as we learn more each week. Thank you so much to all of you for supporting your children with their work. This is a demanding situation and I do not underestimate the stresses and struggles it can cause. Teachers will continue to try to support the children in any way they can.

### **Important Information**

The Department for Education have confirmed that schools **will not be open to any children during half term**. We will not be setting homework over the half term period.

### **Covid Update Information**

As of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

I truly hope you can all have a restful and safe half term. Thank you for the many messages of support that we have received on Twitter, via email and in person. These messages are always passed on to the staff, who appreciate them a great deal. This term has been incredibly challenging 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 – even on the end of the computer or telephone!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Portrey', written over a horizontal line.

H Portrey  
Headteacher

