



BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a long half term and I am sure all the children are looking forward to the two week half term break. We are really pleased that all our pupils returned when we opened on 1st September. It has been a very different autumn term and it doesn't quite feel like school as we know it as we cannot hold whole school assemblies and of course we cannot have parents in school currently. Although these special moments are missing, we are trying our very best to make it feel as normal as we possibly can during this pandemic.

The children have demonstrated excellent behaviour and resilience on their return to school and we are all really proud of them. Although our baseline assessments at the beginning of the term have shown large gaps in their learning, we are confident that with our catch-up programme pupils will be able to recover some of this 'missed' learning and we are very pleased with the progress they have made. Parents evening appointments will take place during the week of the 9th November; you will already have received information about this.

I appreciate that there has been disruption in particular year groups, but we have tried to minimise this as much as possible through our remote learning programme on Seesaw. The detailed remote learning plan can be found on our website. If children are self-isolating, they will be expected to work through daily activities with input from teachers on Seesaw and teachers will give feedback throughout the day. However, if parents would prefer paper-based work packs, then they can contact the school office and these will be provided. In addition to this, our families on benefits-related free school meals will be given a weekly food pack whilst their child is self-isolating.

The children will be given holiday homework and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring the children continue to engage in learning during the half term break.

School closes on Friday 16th October and we will reopen on Monday 2nd November. Please keep safe and take care of yourselves. We look forward to returning on 2nd November. As you may be aware from the news, the government may announce a 'circuit breaker' at some point. If this happens, we will keep you updated via text and/or Seesaw with how this affects us as a school as we are already having a two week break.

I'd like to finish with thanking you all. The systems in place to enter and exit school are now well embedded and children, parents and school staff have fed back that they are running smoothly. We appreciate your understanding and continued support with everything.

Take care and stay safe

Yours faithfully

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