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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID Update

I am pleased to say that this is the first week that we have not had to send any staff or students home to self-isolate as we have had no positive test results reported. However, we have had a number of staff absences for non-COVID reasons and had to ask one class to stay at home for two days because of staff shortages. I apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused, but at the moment we are unable to cover absence by moving staff into a different 'class bubble' as part of our measures to ensure that everyone on the school site is safe.

Half term

As you know there is no school for students on Friday 12th February as we have an INSET day. School will reopen on Tuesday 23rd February to the students who currently attend on-site. If we have been able to offer a place to your son/daughter after half term we would have contacted you.

Schools Re-opening

We are waiting for the government to confirm their plans for schools to re-open to all students. In the meantime, we are reviewing our whole school risk assessment and individual student risk assessments to make sure that the school continues to provide a safe environment and we are all prepared to welcome back as many students as possible. School Transport are also reviewing their own risk assessments as they have a duty of care to their bus drivers and escorts.

The Local Authority have arranged for all staff who work in specialist provisions and drivers/escorts to have the COVID vaccination if they would like to. We are hoping this will make both staff and parents feel more confident about students being in school. If you continue to have concerns about your own child returning to school please contact the relevant KS leader.

Middle School Leader (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

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Lockdown

This half-term holiday will be difficult as we are all very restricted about what we are able to do during the continued national lockdown. Hopefully everyone will still have a good week and we look forward to seeing as many of our young people as possible back at school as soon as we can.

My best wishes and thanks for your support and understanding during these difficult times.

Lynda Walker
Headteacher