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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and had a restful half term break.

It has been an unusual half term personally. Due to a close contact testing positive, I have been self-isolating. As a result, I will be working from home until Thursday. I will be liaising closely with Miss Reilly and the school team throughout this time. I am very much looking forward to seeing the children later in the week.

I am sure that many of you waited eagerly to hear what the Prime Minister had to say last night. It appears that school will not be especially affected by the lockdown (although we will wait and see if the guidance changes slightly).

We will continue to work towards the best outcomes for your children while maintaining COVID safety as much as possible. We continually work with Public Health and the Local Authority to ensure that the school procedures are as robust as possible. We will endeavour to go outside as often as possible, so please remember coats and as we will continue to try to ventilate classrooms as much as possible, jumpers and layers will help.

We have a new half term to look forward to and the staff have exciting new projects that they are looking forward to teaching. While the normal Christmas festivities will have to be adapted and some put on hold this year, (I will miss the Carol concert) we will aim to make the season as full of good cheer as we are able. Staff will be sending out their usual overviews soon.

As the start of a new half term begins, please remember to follow the drop-off and pick-up routines as closely as possible; to move through the car park as quickly as you can, not lingering to talk to other parents as this will cause bottlenecks, reducing the social distancing that is so important.

Furthermore, please remember that we have asked that only one parent is in the car park at one time, to reduce the numbers further.

Your support is as always appreciated in this matter.

Warm regards,

Mr Gibson