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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn Term Update 3

With just one week to go until half term, I thought I would write home with a few updates that wouldn't really fit in my weekly blog.

Covid Response

As per my recent communication, outlining the need to put in a few contingency plans in relation to some positive Covid cases, I am pleased with the way the school has responded. Although we still have a few pupils off who have tested positive, we haven't had to increase the restrictions. Let's hope the natural break of half term in just over a week brings the cases down to zero again.

Should a child test positive after a PCR test, remote provision will be put in place by the class teacher. Please contact the school office to confirm your child's absence and they will alert the teacher. We will wait until the positive PCR and ten day isolation begins before setting up remote access. Of course, if your child is unwell, they are not expected to join any teaching and should rest and wait until they feel better before accessing learning.

The remote provision allows access to the classroom and so the timings of the lessons will be as they would be at school. The class teacher will not be able to stop and 'catch up' should a child be late to the lesson.

If your child is off for any other reason, it is assumed they are ill and therefore remote access will not routinely be provided.

School Lunches

If your child is off school for **any** reason and they usually have a school lunch, would you please remember to log into School Grid before 9.30am and cancel the lunch. Mrs Lanni has a look when possible but to prevent you potentially being charged, it is good practice to cancel the lunch yourselves.

Consultation Evenings

The majority of you have now booked an appointment with your child's class teacher for next week's meetings. They take place via video link on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. If you would like assistance booking the appointment, please contact the school office and they will book it for you. Access to the meeting is via the [same platform](#) used to book it. I suggest logging on a few minutes prior to your allotted time to make sure access works.



Parent Governors

Can I remind you that the deadline for voting for our new parent governors is Monday morning at 9.00am. We have had quite a few in already but have no doubt that there are few more still to come in. Please bring them straight to the office either tomorrow or Monday. We will not be able to accept any ballot papers after 9.00am.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. There is a really productive buzz around school at the moment despite some very tired pupils (and probably staff).

Kind regards,



Steve Mills
Headteacher

