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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you

At the end of this half term I wanted to write to you to thank YOU for your support and help with our remote learning provision. The pandemic has forced many of us to do things we do not feel equipped or qualified to do and I wanted to acknowledge that the relative success we have had with our online offer could not have happened without your support – encouraging, nudging and cajoling your children to engage, and assisting them when they needed help. I think one of the strongest messages to come from these challenging times is that our children need all of us to work together to support them. You have been wonderful in doing that.

The Pulse

If you have not already done so, please could I encourage you to read the latest (bumper) edition of the [The Pulse](#). I think the amount of articles and activity over the last half term show that the school is very much open for business and I hope you enjoy reading it.

Next half term

We know that remote learning will continue until at least 8 March, as will our special provision for the children of critical workers and other invited students. We are promised that in the week beginning 22 February the government will publish its roadmap for moving out of lockdown, including the plans for reopening schools to all year groups. This will include any further guidance on lateral flow testing for students. Colleagues have been working hard on provisional planning for a variety of different scenarios, but we will need to await government guidance before we can finalise this. As soon as we can, we will let you know.

Hopefully, after half term we will also be given further guidance on the plans for year 11 and how their qualifications will be assessed and awarded. Again, we have been considering a number of options and scenarios and whatever the final guidance is, we will work with our colleagues across the Trust to ensure that the eventual outcomes are fair and that a rigorous process underpins our decision making.

Finally, it has been a long and challenging half term for all – I think everyone needs a break from online learning and a chance to recharge. I hope that you and your family are able to do that.

Remote learning and special provision will resume on Monday 22 February.

Have a restful break.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher