



Holy Trinity CE Primary School Northwood

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Dear Parents/Carers

With January drawing to a close and half term just a couple of weeks (11 teaching days) away, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the fantastic support you have all given to your children. We appreciate in particular how challenging the beginning of 2021 has been, for those attending school and for those who continue to learn remotely from home. We realise what an enormous effort and challenge this is for pupils, families and staff and we are proud of your achievement in these very difficult circumstances. All pupils have engaged positively and enthusiastically in their learning and attendance at online lessons has been excellent.

The Prime Minister spoke yesterday about the 'road-map' to ending the current national lockdown and that it would not be possible to fully reopen schools and resume face-to-face learning for all pupils immediately after the February half term. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The Government plans to review the situation nationally and make a further announcement during week commencing 22nd February; it is hoped that it would be safe to begin the reopening of schools from 8th March. Throughout this pandemic we have all been aware of how circumstances change constantly, as we all have seen repeatedly. Long term planning is difficult and challenging.

Without a firm plan for reopening from Government at this stage, we are unable to provide confirmation of exact details of when all pupils will return to school. However, the Government have stated that education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education. Please be reassured, we will update you at the earliest opportunity of arrangements once confirmed.

Whilst we are unable to physically come together at this time, we are able to unite our Holy Trinity family through collective worship, assemblies and prayer. The key word is 'hope'. The sense of hope and optimism, of faith in God and that, despite the current difficulties, things will get better and we will be able to return to life as we have known it. Keeping faith is so important and daily prayer to God, asking that He keeps our sense of hope and optimism alive, provides us with much that will sustain us until the sun will once again shine in all our lives.

For the time being, our current onsite / online provision will remain the same. For those in school, The Pantry lunch provision will continue to be cold packed lunches, with a new menu starting after half term.

Whilst writing, we would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for the recent gifts of plants for the school, which were accompanied with such thoughtful and kind messages. These have been distributed throughout the school and will continue to bring much joy throughout the months ahead.

Once again, we thank you for your hard work and resilience and for your patience and understanding. Our shared aspiration is to ensure every child feels safe, happy, cherished and to come out of the other side of this pandemic still loving learning.

Please remember, we are here for every one of you and if you have any concerns, please email or telephone us through the School Office (admin@holyltrinitynorthwood.org / 01923 822529).

We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as we continue *living and learning together as part of the family of God*.

With enormous gratitude and every blessing,

Handwritten signatures of S. A. Roscoe and C. A. Rodenas in black ink.

Mrs. S. A. Roscoe and Mrs. C. A. Rodenas
Heads of School