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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are almost at the end of a very busy and unusual half-term. Whilst it has been a long term, we have been overwhelmed with the way in which the children have returned to school following the lockdown months. As the area continues to be registered as 'High' risk for the Covid-19 virus, we have continued to promote all of the necessary guidance for schools and have balanced this with children returning to as normal a school experience as is possible at this challenging time.

I am sure you will be aware of all of the current discussions around a possible circuit breaker across the country to try and reduce the spread of this virus. One proposal is that the government and the local authority could decide to extend the half term break. Whilst we have had no positive cases reported in school, we know it is only a matter of time before this happens.

In discussion with Public Health England and our Academy Trust Board, the decision has been made by CLPT to extend the half-term break by two days after the half-term holiday. Children will return to school on **Wednesday 4th November**. The Monday and Tuesday of this week will now be allocated as INSET days for staff training.

If, however, over the next two weeks the Government do impose a lockdown then we will follow the guidance and keep you updated. As with the current guidance and expectations, please ensure that you follow the advice should your child develop symptoms at any time during the extended half-term break.

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- A high temperature – hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – where you notice you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops any of the symptoms, they must self-isolate immediately. Please ensure your child gets a test and then inform the school of the results.

As we still have one week of school to go before the extended half-term break, can I also remind you of the following:

- If your child has any of the symptoms of the virus, DO NOT send them in to school until you have had a test result that is negative.
- If any member of your household shows any symptoms of the virus, DO NOT send your child to school until you have had a test result that is negative.

Whilst we appreciate that this decision will cause some inconvenience for working families, our children's safety remains paramount. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

D Darby

Mrs D Darby, Headteacher



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