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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to thank you for your kind messages of support this half term and to update you on the next steps for your child's education in 2021.

Firstly, the commitment to learning remotely this half term has been exceptional, so may I offer my thanks to both you and your children for all your efforts and enthusiasm. We are delighted with the way our students have engaged with their remote lessons over the last six weeks. Attendance to lessons has been above local and national averages and the positive interaction with the staff at Childwall has been a credit to yourselves and school staff combined.

Updates:

Education after half term:

Current guidance tells us that the earliest your child could be returning to school full time is Monday 8th March. The government have not yet confirmed detail of a return or any proposed changes. I will correspond further once notified of any concrete plans.

For clarity, remote learning will continue in line with students' normal timetable, on Microsoft Teams when we return to learning on Monday 22nd February 2021. School will also re-open for our vulnerable and keyworker groups on this date.

**Please note that school closes to students on Thursday 11th February this week. School is not open over the half term.*

Feedback:

Thank you to those of you that completed our recent survey. We received 188 returns, offering us some constructive feedback that will inform our plans moving forward. In response to some of your comments I have noted the following actions:

1. **Thanks** - Thank you to those of you that praised our efforts and stated that you were very happy with the quality of learning your child is receiving.
2. **Time** - Students will be given more time to complete their work during the online lessons. Teachers will ensure that there is less teacher talk where possible and more time to produce the work expected. Wherever possible, teachers will start lessons formally, register students and review learning at the end of lessons, allowing time for completion and/or questions during the bulk of time allocated to each subject.
3. **Invites** - Staff will invite students to lesson earlier. (Minimum of 48 hours' notice where possible.)

4. **Exercise Books** - Mr Mahmood has organised a pickup time and location for safe collection of new exercise books, paper, and equipment this week. (For students who responded to his correspondence.)
5. **Technology** - The school has already invested in updating Broadband and the school network.
6. **Laptops** - School staff has distributed over 200 laptops since September 2020. Most of these have been loaned out during the last 6 weeks.
*(*Some parents identified that you would like support via a laptop for working at home. Unfortunately, many of you that made this request remained anonymous on our survey therefore, we are not able to help until you contact reception in person.)*
7. **1:1 Meetings** - We have now invested in an electronic system that will allow us to host remote Parental Review Evenings. This will start with year 8 on the Thursday 4th March, allowing parents and teachers the opportunity to have a face-to-face conversation to discuss your child's progress online. (Details to follow.)
8. **Recorded lessons** – For your information. We have been made aware that Oak Academy recorded lessons are now available 'with 'zero tariff' This means that they will not use up your data should students try to access them on their phone.

What Next?

We will continue with our remote learning next half term as stated at the start of this letter. This next half term will be our second assessment window as per our school calendar. Students will be guided by staff in how to prepare and complete key pieces of work live or online, ready for teacher assessment.

Also, following the success of Wellbeing Wednesday, we hope to include some enrichment afternoons next half term where students will be given the opportunity to opt into workshops with authors, artists, dancers, and live cooking experiences. This will allow for engagement in different experiences that will break up the week.

Finally, I wish to announce that our new Childwall Sports and Science Academy website has gone live this week. Please feel free to browse at your leisure: www.childwallssa.org

Enjoy your break.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J.E. Vincent
Headteacher

