

May 2020

Ref: May Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware that the staff at your child's school have been maintaining a continuous edu-care offer since the start of the lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March which came a month into the second half of the Spring term. Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week, we need to ensure that our schools are safe and ready to welcome the return of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in June.

To undertake the necessary work required to prepare the school sites and staff for a wider re-opening, **all DEMAT schools will be closed during May half term (25<sup>nd</sup> May-29<sup>th</sup> May) for all pupils.**

I hope you will understand the decision to end the continuous provision over the half term period. As I wrote in my previous correspondence, 'Safety First' is one of the principles by which we are making decisions regarding re-opening, and we must make sure that appropriate measures, in line with the Government guidance, are undertaken to keep pupils and staff safe.

Further detailed guidance explaining the re-opening approaches will be distributed in due course. I understand that many of you will want to know exactly what the provision will look like as soon as possible, but I want to ensure that we prioritise pupil and staff safety and we need to take our time to do this properly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully



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