

BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Pike

Dear Parents/Carers

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support whether your child is accessing education in school or remotely. We are so impressed with how well the children are all working. This is a very challenging time for everyone trying to juggle everyday life, work and children having to stay at home to be educated. It is also difficult if someone you know is ill, not being able to see your friends and family or being able to get 'out and about' as normal.

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February 2021 then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later that is by 8 March 2021. It is for this reason that the Government hopes it will therefore be safe to commence the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March 2021. Schools, 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.

At present there has been no indication whether certain years will be allowed back into school before others or if there will be a full opening to all classes.

Along with all the staff, I am missing having all the children in school and very much look forward to having them all back in.

In the meantime, I hope you and your family stay fit and healthy and safe.

My very best wishes,

Mr Pike

Roots to grow, wings to fly

"They will soar on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31

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February half-term

The school will close as usual over February half-term and will not be open to any pupils. There will still be a TD on Monday 22 February for teaching staff. The school will be closed to all children on this date. The school will re-open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers on Tuesday 23 February.

Arrival & Collection Times

For the children in school, please could we ask all parents and carers to arrive and collect **on time** as per your booking time. If your child is not able to come to school, or if you are running late, please contact the school office to let us know. Thank you.

Teams

It is great to see so many of you getting used to using Teams for your home learning. Please could we ask that if your child is using teams at home and in school, the days that your children are in school if they could log off from teams at home. Please could you also give your child their password to use in school. If you need to reset your password at any time, please contact the school office.

Wellies for Next Week

For those children in school next week, please could they bring in a pair of named wellies as we would like to get them out in the field and wouldn't want them to ruin their normal school shoes.

Bath Rugby

If you have paid your money for the Bath Rugby after school club, we are still hoping to do this later in the year. We will be contacted by Bath Rugby in due course. We will keep the register with the same children on unless we hear from you that your child no longer requires a place. Thank you.

Bristol Aquarium Trip

If you have already paid for your child to go on the Bristol Aquarium trip by cheque, the cheques have not been cashed as we are currently not sure if and when this trip will happen. We are hoping for it to be postponed to later in the year when things can re-open again.

Remote Learning Plan

The school remote learning plan is now up on the website. Please see attached link:

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+Learning&pid=360>

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