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Dear Parents and Carers

School update

I hope this latest school update letter finds you all well at home, taking care and currently keeping warm!

Over the last 5 weeks, we have responded to many queries and questions and supported as best we can to ensure maximum access and engagement in our remote learning offer. The good news is that levels of engagement remain high, but we know it isn't easy. We know that each family has their own set of circumstances to manage and as the weeks have passed, the children are missing their friends and school life more and more and finding the home learning a little less attractive. I am incredibly aware of the levels of resilience and perseverance that are needed to keep up the momentum and applaud all our families for their continued support as we carry on through this period of partial school closure.

As it stands, the Government are planning a review point during the week beginning 15th February 2021 and they say, if the data allows, the first easing of restrictions may result in the reopening of schools on Monday 8th March. It is this promise of hope we will set our sights upon and look forward to the possibility of welcoming all our children, safely, back to school. As soon as we have any information we will let you know immediately.

In the meantime, please continue to keep in touch with any questions you may have. If you would like to ask any question about your child's learning or well-being that you would prefer not to share with your child through the Teams or Google Meets link, please call the office and we can arrange a telephone appointment with your class teacher or you could use the Talk to Mrs Turner email address and send your concern straight to me.

We continue to update the school's website with useful information for all our families and I would urge you to check in the **School to Home Latest News link** for recent updates – see link below. For example, there are links to the children's mental health charity, Place2Be; access to safer internet resources via the NSPCC and details of the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub for anybody in need of support during these difficult times.

With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind.

On a brighter note, we do have reasons to be cheerful. The Friends are organising some virtual events to celebrate Valentine's Day and a little further down the line, Red Nose Day. The school is pressing ahead with its plans for the development of the Early Years outside area incorporating a rain garden for all to access. We have been awarded some music grants and Mrs Jepson is planning some wonderful music/singing activities for our summer term. We have also put in place to kick start our new academic year; an exciting sports project linked to our Christian values of thankfulness, courage and love. Finally, we are delighted to welcome our new Team Rector, the Revd. Beth Hutton, who cannot wait to meet you all.

Wishing you a very happy half term break when it arrives.

Best wishes

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School to Home Latest News link

<http://www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk/school-to-home-lockdown-link/>