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Dear parents and carers

In my end of term letter before Christmas, I talked of us being 'relatively cocooned' against the effects of COVID which has unfortunately not been the case for any school this term with the national lockdown regulations.

In true HEPS style though, within an hour of the announcement of schools closing, all staff had met online as a team, allocated roles, agreed our plan of action, tweeted our immediate plans and knew where we were heading. Twenty-four hours later work had been planned, organised, copied & collated and hand delivered to all children. Thank you to the families who came and found me with torches when I was lost on more than one occasion!

Between then and now, we have continued to produce the work packs, daily teacher Tweets, welfare calls to all pupils, food hampers/vouchers and supported families through other means. This has been whilst running the school with up to eighty children in school each day and maintaining our high standards and expectations.

We know that you are there with us too. Attempting to work, teach your children, keep everyone buoyed up and all whilst the weather has been less than bright. We really appreciate all that you do by putting your child's education first and continuing to encourage them to aim high. It may seem tough at this point but it will make a difference to their prospects in the future - thank you.

We know from the last lockdown that coming back after half term can be a challenge for families so we have thought carefully about the packs the week we return with a slightly different format for the Monday and Book Day the following week. I would ask for your help too on the first Monday back. I would like some Golden Tickets awarded to the children to spur them on, please get in touch on the HEPSathome@gmail.com that Monday morning (22 February 2021) if you would like your child to be awarded with a Golden Ticket on that first Monday. Please say why they deserve the ticket so we can write them accurately. We may Tweet some of these so do look out for them.

As we head into half term, I am very much hoping that we will see a return of every child coming back into school on a full time basis from Monday, 8 March 2021. As hard as I wish this to be the case, we will be guided by the government, Somerset County Council and our local context. As soon as we receive any confirmation, I will Tweet a message and follow up with an email.

When we return there will be a few changes we need to make you aware of:

- The office email address has changed to office@HEPS.ppat365.org.
- All staff including Mrs Sams and Mrs Masters have new email addresses so please make sure you use the office email to contact them or any other member of staff.
- We will no longer be taking cash for any reason other than charity days or fundraising so all bookings and payments will need to be made through WisePay.
- All bookings for Busy Bees and Early Birds will need to be made through WisePay, even for ad hoc and emergency use. These will be operated on a first come, first served basis. **Please do not book any places yet**, we will let you know when these are opening in advance.
- Replacement book bags and those for the new Reception children (September 2021) will be issued with the new logo on a navy bag rather than red.

Today we said goodbye and thank you to Mr Davies for the long service he has given the school. We wish him well in his retirement and hope to see him out and about enjoying time with his grandchildren in the future.

As seems to have been the case for every holiday since I joined, work will be undertaken over this half term break on the heating system and in the boiler room. The internal classroom work in Parrett was finished today with the final touch of a new carpet. We cannot wait to start using this updated space which is now in line with other areas of the school.

It was lovely to see so many of you at pack collection this morning. Lastly, I wish you and your families a safe and restful half term holiday and the good weather to get outside and explore our lovely landscape welcoming the return of spring life.

Kind regards

Tiffany Doughty Davis (Mrs)
Headteacher