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Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the half term I wanted to take the opportunity to thank parents for their patience and dedication over the last 6 weeks. We understand that the demands of online learning are challenging, this together with the fact that the school is at capacity with 110 children in school on any day has led to me having to make difficult decisions over the past two weeks regarding the refusal of school places.

The Government has promised that this is due to end around the 8th March and you can be assured that we are pushing for this to be as soon as possible. One thing the Government has promised is that we will have two weeks' notice of schools opening so we are hoping to hear very soon.

Whilst we understand how hard home learning is, it is vital in ensuring that your child's progress does not fall behind during this academic year. The teachers have worked hard to ensure equal opportunities for children both in school and at home and we are confident that those children who are fully engaging will continue to make progress. As long as all children have returned to school by the end of the Spring Term we will be able to share our Spring Term progress report with you, this will inform you of where your child currently sits with regard to their year group expectations.

Staff are already working hard to create a recovery curriculum for the return of all children which will focus on their mental wellbeing as well as closing any gaps that may arise. All we can ask parents is to continue to engage with home learning as best you can to ensure that your child does not fall too far behind.

As during the first lockdown we are overwhelmed by how the school community has pulled together to support each other both with messages of support and small gifts left for staff. On the staff's behalf I want to thank you for this, these small gestures mean so much to staff.

As always if you have any struggles at home, whether school issues, financial or emotional please contact school and we can help by signposting you to agencies which can support and help.

Following the half term we look forward to welcoming children back to school and online on **Tuesday 23rd February.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs Pointon
Headteacher

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