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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as we approach the end of the half term to say a huge thank you to you all for your support with remote education. I am sure you will agree with me that the staff have done a fabulous job and I do hope your son has found the lessons and resources on Teams and Fronter engaging. We will continue to deliver remote education from Monday 22nd February; please can you remind your son to turn on his webcam and microphone so that he can fully interact during a lesson.

The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement on 22nd February regarding the earliest date schools will be allowed to reopen to all students. The staff and I are hoping this will be 8th March 2021 as previously suggested. I will write to you early next half term when we know what the new arrangements are for local restrictions and for schools.

The school will be closed to all students during the half term break, 15th to 19th February, including for those who are currently attending school. If your son is part of this group and tests positive for Covid19 during half term, please could you let us know by sending an email to administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk, thank you.

For families who receive Free School Meals vouchers, this arrangement will continue until 8th March. The national scheme is not available for the half term week so you will receive a voucher via the school.

If you are a key worker or your child has an EHCP or is vulnerable and you would like your son to attend school after half term, please fill in the [form via this link](#). There is no need complete the form if your son is already attending.

After half term, the staff and students that attend school will continue to be tested at least weekly for Covid19.

We want to continue to support our students' wellbeing. If you need any help during half term, please be aware that the school is closed and staff are not working and for support please visit the [wellbeing](#) and [safeguarding](#) pages on our school website. If you have a safeguarding or child protection concern you should contact Merton MASH: 020 8545 4226 or 020 8545 4227 (Out of hours: 020 8770 5000) or mash@merton.gov.uk. In the event of an emergency, please call the Police: 999. Please also inform the school via the safeguarding@rutlish.merton.sch.uk email address, if appropriate.

I do hope you are also able to have break next week and benefit from less screen time.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

