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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday to confirm that schools will not reopen after half term. During his announcement he went on to say that the earliest schools will be allowed to open to all students will be 8th March 2021 if it is safe to do so, and that he will give schools and parents/careers two weeks' notice of the return to the school date.

Like you and your son/s, we are looking forward to the time when students are able to return to school but until that point we will continue to deliver their remote education on Teams and through resources placed on Fronter. It is important that your son has a webcam and microphone so that he can fully interact during a lesson. Our parent guide to home learning can be found on our website [Rutlish School - Home Learning](#). If your son is experiencing any difficulties with his home learning, please in the first instance, contact his form tutor.

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

The school will be closed to all students during half term, 15th to 19th February, including for those who are currently attending school. If your son has been one of those in school, please could you let us know if he tests positive for Covid19 during half term by sending an email to administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk as we will need to trace any close contacts.

As you will be aware it is INSET day tomorrow so there will no lessons for students. However, as a follow up to this week's assembly on Holocaust Memorial Day you might like your son to do some of the activities suggested. The activity should represent this year's theme 'Light up the darkness' such as painting, baking, draw a picture, illustrate a flame, take a photograph. If he does any of these activities I would love to see his work, please send it to me at administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk. Your son might want to read some of information and life stories on the website: [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust \(hmd.org.uk\)](http://holocaustmemorialdaytrust.org.uk). Another suggestion for him is to have a no screen or reduced screen day. Activities could include going out for a walk or taking some other exercise, cooking a meal, writing to or video calling a family member, playing a board game or cards, doing something active and creative.

I do hope you are all able to enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

