



Monday 8th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Schools Update

With just one week of the Half Term left, we wanted to collectively share with you bits of information linked to the lockdown period. We are continuing to work closely together in order to make sure that we do what we can to make things as easy as possible for those of you who are parents/carers of children at both schools.

February Half Term Holiday (w/c 15th February 2021)

Both schools will be closed to ALL pupils (including Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Bubbles) for the February Half Term holiday. During this one-week holiday, there will not be any remote learning.

Remote learning will begin again for both schools after the holidays on Monday 22nd February 2021. There is **NO Teacher Training Day on Monday 22nd February** as previously communicated. Instead, this **Teacher Training Day will move to Wednesday 21st July 2021**.

Free School Meals

As you will already know, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will have been issued weekly e-vouchers from EdenRed via email. For the half term holiday week, you will NOT get an e-voucher from EdenRed. Instead, Birmingham City Council is providing the Free School Meal vouchers and you will receive an **email from school with your Sodexo voucher code for Half Term week**.

After half-term, you will go back to receiving weekly e-voucher codes from EdenRed via email until the schools reopen.

Re-opening Schools

As you will know, the government have said that they hope to open schools from Monday 8th March 2021; however, this is not a definite date at the moment. Schools will be given 2 weeks' notice about when to reopen. As soon as we know when we are re-opening, we will write to you immediately and give you plenty of warning. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back as soon as it is safe to do so!



Keeping our school families Covid-safe



If you think you, your child, or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms, you should isolate immediately and follow the latest guidance provided by the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We thank you, as always, for your co-operation and continued support, especially in these challenging times. We are proud of the way our community has supported the children and one another, and we feel humbled to be a part of it.

Kind regards,

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