

Dear parent and carers,

I hope that you and your families are happy and safe. I would like to thank you for all of the support that you have been giving your children during this time, engagement with online learning is the highest it has ever been, and our teachers enjoy teaching their students every day.

Boris Johnson has recently stated that schools will not re-open until **Monday 8th March** and that students will not receive FSM vouchers over the half-term break. The government have stated that the half-term period should be covered by the local authority as part of the A £170 million [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#), once we have more information from the Local Authority, we will update parents.

With the extension of lockdown, we have updated our remote learning section of the website, you can see all our remote learning information [here](#) and [Mrs Padmore from the Teaching and Learning Team has made a video update for parents which you can watch here.](#)

There are also lots of resources to support parents at this time, which will help you to support your child(ren) while they learn from home: 'These are all based on the evidence-based recommendations in the Education Endowment Foundation's guidance reports. These resources outline straightforward ways in which you can identify learning opportunities in everyday routines and build them into your home life. There is also guidance for supporting your child's behavioural, emotional and social needs at this time.'

[7 top tips to support reading at home](#)

[Helping Home Learning: Read with TRUST simple infographic](#)

[Helping Home Learning: Read with TRUST comic](#)

[Helping Home Learning: Talk with TRUST simple infographic](#)

[Helping Home Learning: Talk with TRUST comic](#)

[Supporting home learning routines: Planning the day](#)

[Supporting daily routines during school closures](#)

Other resources:

[Parent's helpline – Young Minds](#)

[NSPCC – Supporting SEND Children](#)

If you need any support or would like to provide the school with some feedback on the quality of home-learning experienced by your child, please complete our online questionnaire [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Vice-principal