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Dear Parents & Carers,

Congratulations to everyone! We have all reached the end of yet another crazy term and all deserve a well-earned rest. I can hardly believe that it was only the start of this term we were preparing to open for all children and then that changed literally overnight.

I have been overwhelmed by how well the whole Banwell School community have pulled together to make this term work. The children have adapted so well to the remote learning whether that has been in school or at home. You as parents have done a phenomenal job in supporting your children. I know it has not been easy. I hope by providing some more practical, creative tasks this week we have supported everybody's wellbeing.

The feedback we have received from so many parents has been very encouraging and supportive. Thank you, it means a lot. We have taken on board the feedback you have given and hope that the weekly check-ins with all families as well as "Hot Chocolate Friday" (Thursday today!) have helped.

I also want to thank the entire staff team. Whatever their role, every single person has adapted to the different ways we have had to do things and have worked together (remotely, of course!) to ensure we are giving the very best provision to the children. There is not one member of staff whose job has remained the same during these times and we are very lucky to have the team we do at Banwell.

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATES FOR THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN COMING INTO SCHOOL:

Contact Tracing

· All parents need to be aware that, as a school, we are required to 'track and trace' all cases within the student/staff community for 48 hours after Thursday 11th February. This means that we may have to get in touch with families in the first few days of the holidays if we have confirmation of any positive cases which will require others to go into self-isolation.

• Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) within 48 hours of last being in school, school needs to be contacted.

• If a pupil shows symptoms or has a positive test result after 48 hours of being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Follow up arrangements for positive COVID test results will obviously be actioned by staff from home. Therefore any communications from parents/carers about this MUST be to the school email address: office@banwellprimary.co.uk. This inbox will be checked daily until Monday 15th February.

When e-mailing, please:

- *Put "COVID-19 POSITIVE RESULT" in the email subject.*
- *Include your child's full name in the e-mail.*
- *Inform us of the day your child first displayed symptoms, and the date they took the COVID-19 test.*

We may get in touch with you to ask some further questions. The school will take advice from the DfE Coronavirus helpline in the event of a positive test result or symptomatic individual. Children or adults who have had contact with a positive or symptomatic case will be informed by the school VIA EMAIL that they need to self-isolate for 10 days.

I sincerely hope that you all are able to enjoy some family time together over the next week. Whilst we are in very strange times there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will all come out of this by working together. I am desperately hoping that we can start to welcome children back to school from the 8th March but we are all waiting for definite confirmation of this from government. We are all longing for that day when everyone is back in school as normal.

Until then, please look after yourselves and remember there are lots of resources on the wellbeing tab of our website.

Take care,

Claire

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Headteacher