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Dear Parents and Carers,

I last wrote to you at the end of our first week of remote learning. We now, some five weeks later, approach half term.

It has been a difficult half term for us all. We fully appreciate the stresses and strains of mixing work, home life and home schooling together and on behalf of everyone at the trust I want to thank you and offer you a huge well done!

You have supported your children brilliantly and your kinds words of support to school staff have been invaluable in keeping us all going.

I would also like to thank all school staff, both teaching and support, for the phenomenal effort they have made this half term. Their skills and commitment to our pupils and the wider communities have been a privilege to see in action.

As a trust we have four core values:

- Being Aspirational
- Being Collaborative
- Being Inclusive
- Being Responsible

The whole community has worked tirelessly to uphold these values for the benefit of the children and young people we educate across our five school.

We await the Prime Ministers announcement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February to see if and when schools will return after 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will continue to put the needs of our pupils central in all we do and of course keep you fully informed.

I hope you are able to find some rest and relaxation over the half term break and look forward to welcoming every one back to school, either in person or virtually, next half term.

Yours sincerely

Steve Lewis

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