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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. It seems such a long time since we were altogether as a school community and I know and appreciate the challenges that many of us continue to face. I wanted to write to you to update you on things for this half term.

We currently have 4 very small groups of pupils in school which we are managing to accommodate in as safe a way as possible through the use of 'bubble' teams. This means we are able to reduce the amount of contact that the children and staff have with others in order to keep them as safe as possible and adhere to the Covid-19 risk assessments we have in place. The pupils in school are following the online curriculum along with the children who are based at home. I wanted to reassure you that we are constantly monitoring our risk assessments and plans to bring more children on site however due to the complexity of what we are dealing with this needs a period of time in which to establish what is working well and what could be done better.

We hope in the next couple of weeks to confirm which class team your child will be with in September. Although as previously discussed pupils will return to this year's class initially then start a transition in the second and third week. This allows the pupils and staff to reattach themselves to the routines and expectations of school life. I have attached the school dates for next academic year to help you plan accordingly particularly for any families that may have caravans or holiday homes elsewhere.

In terms of the online curriculum we will continue to provide the content should you wish your children to use it however do not feel under any pressure to use it if you feel it hinders family life. If you are wanting your child to have more work printed out and don't have access to printing facilities please let your class team know on your weekly phone call and they will get some work or resources dropped off for you.

This half term is usually a tough one for our year 11's and year 14's. We would normally be busy planning our annual awards evening and prom which we believe all the leavers have a right to attend. However, this year we have had to postpone plans for the celebration until it is safe for us to meet as a much larger group. I appreciate the disappointment that year 11 must be feeling right now, not having the opportunity to complete examinations and now having their prom cancelled and I can only apologise for the disappointment that I know this will cause. We do have plans to offer the leavers a Prom later in the year when celebrations and parties are permitted. We are working hard to make contact with the colleges and adult provisions so that there is a seamless link between your child leaving Abbey and starting their next provision.

I know we all feel somewhat isolated during this continued disruptive period but please do call school if you have any questions or need support/advice. Once again I send you my very best wishes that you stay safe and well.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Luci Windle

Executive Headteacher

