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Dear Parents and Carers

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It is lovely to see so many of our pupils in school and for those who are at home, I have enjoyed hearing about some of the things you have all been up to. I hope that many of you have taken the opportunity to log into the online sessions your child's teacher has been offering. This is a great way for our pupils to keep in touch with their friends. If you are struggling to access these sessions please let your child's class teacher know.

I wanted to let you know about arrangements for half term.

On Friday 12th February there will be a training day as planned and then the school will be closed for all pupils during the half term week - 15th to 19th February as notified in our term dates.

During half term week the Local Authority will be supporting with vouchers and other hardship payments for families of pupils who receive free school meals, through the Winter Grant scheme. As you know this ran successfully over the Christmas holiday period to help many families. You will not need to do anything further to access this if you received help last time, but please let us know if your circumstances have changed and you believe you would now be eligible for support through this scheme.

The Prime Minister spoke in parliament today and he said the government would make an announcement about full reopening of schools after half term if the vaccination programme continues at the current pace. There is mention that schools may formally fully open by March but I remind you that Spring Common Academy continues to be open.

The Prime Minister also said that during the week beginning the 22 February the government will review all the data and make a decision about the plans to release the country from lockdown.

We have had a positive covid-19 case in one of our bubbles this week.

As we have now reduced the contacts within our bubbles only two classes have had to self-isolate. Currently this appears to be an isolated case and has been swiftly contained. We will continue to ask you to be vigilant and keep your child at home if they are unwell or showing any Covid-19 symptoms or anyone else in your household.

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Testing

We are now carrying out lateral flow testing for our staff twice weekly. I know some of you were unclear why pupils were only tested twice. This was following the government guidance following the Christmas break and there are currently no plans to test pupils more widely.


Vaccinations

I am very happy to announce that special school staff in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been offered covid-19 vaccinations under the care umbrella. I am pleased to say we have managed to secure vaccinations for our staff at Spring Common Academy.

Finally, for those of you with children at home, please continue to engage with your child's teacher through the weekly safe and well checks and use this to inform us of any concerns or issues. You are all doing a great job under difficult circumstances – so thank you!

If you wish your child to return to school, please have this discussion with the class teacher initially so I can contact to discuss this with you.

Kind regards,



Julia McIntosh
Head of School

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