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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope that you are all well and keeping safe.

By now many of you will have heard the news that schools will not fully re-open until Monday 8th March at the earliest. The Prime Minister was hopeful that this was the date that schools could start to return. However, as of yet, there is still no indication as to whether that is a staggered return similar to the one we experienced in June or all year groups back. I am sure we will get plenty of notice of their intentions and as soon as we know we will let you know. As I said last week though, whatever the Government's plans are, we will be ready.

Some of you may have been dismayed by this announcement as you would hope to have your children in school earlier than March. We know that some children are now finding it difficult not coming into school, they are missing their friends and are worried about completing the work set. If this is the case please get in touch with us, we will do whatever we can to help.

The news from Public Health Walsall wasn't as optimistic as I had hoped for this week. Whilst the numbers of cases are coming down, they are doing so very slowly, and Walsall's numbers remain stubbornly high. They repeated their message that everyone must stay at home if they can possibly do so to help bring the infection rate down. I am also aware some of our families are struggling with the virus. Once more our thoughts and prayers are with you and if there is anything we can do to help please get in touch.

On a more positive note, it was wonderful to see our very own Jack Birt (Year 4) in the news this week as he continues to raise money for the Glebe Centre by running a mile each day in January. Well done Jack, we are very proud of you. Details of his Just Giving page were shared with you in a previous Parent Mail should you wish to contribute towards his monumental effort.

Please all of you take care and, if the forecast snow does return this weekend, safely enjoy the conditions. (If you would like a creative challenge- Mrs Causiers' snowman from last week was fantastic!)

With fondest regards,

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