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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of another extraordinary half term.

I would like to thank you all, and especially the children, for working so hard to learn at home and remain focused. It has been no mean feat. As a parent, I fully understand the challenges that families have faced over the last couple of months. All families I am sure have had ups and downs as we cope in these most peculiar of times. We are all striving to do the best we can and we all hold on to the hope of brighter times ahead.

Over the half term break, please get your children out for walks and exercise. Try and limit their time in front of the computer or the TV. Get the exercise and fresh air that they need. They need a break from their school work too, as we need them refreshed and energised for next half term. They need time to recharge.

Our staff have been incredible and they too need a break. I cannot emphasise enough how diligent and committed our staff have been in supporting your children, be it in school, or working remotely. They too deserve a break!

After half term, we will hopefully hear of news regarding the return to school for all pupils. As and when we know the Governments plan, we will kick into gear to be ready to welcome all the children back. We've missed them, and I know how much they have missed their friends and the routine of school. Please keep an eye out for updates in the coming weeks.

We all look forward to the future and working together, I am sure we can start to be more optimistic as we move forward.

Please have a restful half term.

Mr Snow

You are all doing a fantastic job of supporting your child's home learning during very difficult times.

Do you have moments when you are trying to juggle many things and your child wants your undivided attention? If so, these tips might help offer strategies to support you.

If you require any further support or advice, please contact the SEND Team via the main school number.



Do you find your children are wanting attention?

Children who do things to gain attention probably need it.

So try giving it to them but only when they are doing the right thing. Catch them being good!

- Check in with them frequently – 'Hi Jason how are you feeling?'
- Give them jobs to do at home – 'Will you be my helper today?' 'Will you wash the dishes?'
- Give them responsibilities – 'Will you water that plant for me every day?' 'Will you feed the cat every morning?'
- Ask them to help others – 'Will you help your sister to get her teeth brushed?'
- Have a date every day for 10 minutes where you do something nice together. Give them your undivided attention – read a book, eat cake, sing a song, colouring, play a game or play with toys.
- Notice the good and ignore the not so good!
- Reward the good by telling them! 'You were fabulous, you cleaned up your room!'
- Agree on some secret signals between you and your child when you are happy with them – 'Thumbs up', 'wink', smile etc.

