



**Richmond Hill Primary Academy
Voluntary Academy**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Parents' Update 12th February 2021

I hope you are all safe and well. As we finish for the half term break I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families who have been so supportive throughout this half term as we moved to in-school and remote learning. We are really impressed with the engagement we have had from our pupils in lessons, along with the fabulous learning submitted to staff.

Reporting cases over half term and government advice

Our website holds all the information you need for over the half term to enable the reporting of positive Covid cases. Use the dedicated email covid@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk up to Wednesday 17th February to report positive cases into school. After that date reporting goes directly to NHS track and trace.

It is vital that everyone stays at home and stays local during the holiday as we are still in a national lockdown. Continuing to observe the 'hands, face and space' guidance is critically important as is continuing to follow the rules after vaccination. Getting a test and self-isolation if people have symptoms and staying at home when symptoms first develop for 10 days and other people in the household must also self-isolate.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child or family, then please contact Doncaster Children's Services Trust on 01302 737777 during the half term break.

Caring for our mental health and those around us is paramount. Doncaster Council have a range of advice and guidance on its website about coping with COVID -

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/health-wellbeing/good-mental-health>

You may find this Public Health England blog useful – Staying safe over February half term -

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/09/staying-safe-over-february-half-term/>

Remote Education

Over the last half term we have put a number of procedures in place to safeguard children and staff when accessing live online teaching sessions during school closure. All of our teaching staff use the security features in place on Zoom to ensure that they have control over who can and cannot enter a session. These include password protected meetings and a waiting room system. To ensure that these security measures are not compromised it is important that the details sent to parents to join a session are not shared with anyone else as this could give them access to the sessions.

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The Rose Learning Trust.



TRANSFORMING FUTURES COLLABORATIVELY

As we reach the end of this half term we are keen to ensure that we continue to safeguard the children in our sessions. To support this our staff will all reset the passwords for their meetings rooms ahead of lessons restarting on Monday 22nd February. These new joining details will be sent to you with sufficient time for your child to join lessons on that day. Please support us in safeguarding your child online by keeping these details confidential.

We hope that when we return to school on February 22nd, the Prime Minister will outline his plans for a safe return to school. As soon as we have more details, we can start planning for this.

Have a safe half term break.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Secker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Debbie Secker
Principal