



Weekly News... Friday 12th February 2021

**Our target attendance is 96.1%**

Dear Parents and Children,

We wanted to write to say a big well done to you for all that you are doing in such a difficult time — team work and collaboration between school, teachers, parents and children has meant that it has been able to run smoothly — the support you have been giving your children with their learning has been brilliant. The commitment and work ethic that has been demonstrated by the children has also been amazing! True FIDES in action. I would also like to pass on my appreciation for the support that you have also given to the school and the staff at Rowley Park—your positivity and kind comments really have made us smile!

We are now at half term and as of yet, the government are still to confirm the date that schools will be re-opened. We are keen to get the children back to school and back into their classrooms when we are informed it is safe to do so. The date Monday 8th March has been stated as a possible date but this will be dependent on if infection rates allow. As soon as we receive the information, we will communicate our re-opening date and plans to you.

After half term, our remote learning plan will remain in place. Children are expected to engage with learning provided and the live sessions that are taught by the teachers.

They will continue to have 2 live sessions a day:

Morning register and phonics (Rec/Ks1)

Morning register and set the day (Ks2)

Drop in session in the afternoon if children require support with their work followed by reading, spelling or social time.

As we do in school, we need to see your children and zoom helps us do that. We also need to be aware of illness and absences so we don't call you unnecessarily—If your child is ill please call the office to let us know and this will be passed onto the class teacher. We will continue to do everything we can to support you and your children during this time—keep up all the great work that you are all doing! We appreciate and are grateful to you for your support!

We wish you all a very safe and restful half term! Remote learning and critical groups will be back up and running on Monday 22nd February. We look forward to seeing you all then!

#### Resources and school support

We are here to help so please remember that if you require any additional resources, advice with home learning or tech, Food parcels or just to discuss concerns then please pick up the phone or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please keep us updated with any changes to your circumstances so that we can offer support where necessary.

#### Reading groups

The times of the reading groups have had to change slightly for some classes due to the times we require staff to be in bubbles.

These were sent out on Monday and we will resend these again as some children haven't been attending. Staff are unable to lead these groups if only 1 child turns up so it is important for all children to attend.

These reading groups have been provided to enable children to have reading support in small groups and we would be so grateful if you could ensure your child attends these 1 x weekly sessions.

#### E-safety

During this period of national lockdown, people are spending more time than ever online and this includes children. We have seen an increase in online safeguarding/wellbeing concerns and strongly advise parents to ensure that any devices that they own have the appropriate parental controls set up on them (if you currently have a school device at home, these settings are already in place). We would also advise parents to ensure that their child is appropriately supervised when accessing the internet.

To support our parents with this we would strongly advise that you visit the following websites which offer great advice and support for parents on a range of online safety topics such as setting parental controls, online gaming and cyberbullying as well as giving advice on how to speak to your child about keeping themselves safe online.

[Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](https://www.internetmatters.org/)

[Online safety | NSPCC](#)