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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of another very challenging half term! Many, many thanks to you and your children for working so hard at home learning – we know it is not easy, especially if you are working from home, or fitting it all in between shifts! Many apologies also for the school closure this week. It is always a very challenging decision to make, especially as we want to make it early enough to help you with childcare arrangements – but, of course, the roads are always at their most treacherous early in the day! Hopefully, after the next few days, temperatures will be on the rise! Thanks to my staff who have worked tirelessly to provide in-school and home learning – and came out two days running to clear and salt the school site!

School reopening

At the moment all we know is what you all know – that the government hopes to open schools on 8.3.21! We do not know yet whether this will happen, or which year groups will be invited back, if not the whole school. As soon as we find out we will, of course, inform you. School will open after half term, as now, to key worker children/vulnerable children and teachers would appreciate you letting them know if, and when, your children will be in from 22.2.21-26.2.21 so they can plan appropriately.

Free school meal vouchers

These will continue over the half term week and, initially, for the first two weeks after we return – i.e. up until 8.3.21. We cannot order vouchers for after half term until we return, so do not expect to receive them before the end of the first week after half term.

Track and Trace

As previously we are required to report any positive Covid cases affecting members of our school community that are confirmed after we break up tomorrow, up until the end of Sunday February 14th. You must inform teachers on Class Dojo if your child displays symptoms/has a test/receives a positive result over this period. We will then inform you, as necessary, about self-isolation. Thank you for being vigilant in reporting any suspected/confirmed cases to us.

Finally, as you know, I have had to make the heart-breaking decision to retire from my job as Headteacher at The Ormesby Village Schools. It has been a very difficult decision for me to make and I shall miss the children, the staff, the governors, and you, the parents, so very much. At this time, with several months still to go before I leave, I simply want to say that the new Headteacher could not work with lovelier children, families, staff and governors. She, or he, will indeed be blessed!

Please enjoy a peaceful, and warmer, half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher



