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Dear Parents & Carers.

We have almost got to the end of this half term, my first as Head Teacher here at Milford. Whilst it has certainly not been an ideal time to start, with the on-going challenges of COVID-19, I have thoroughly enjoyed settling into the Milford community and wish to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I have used this first half term to get to know the staff team, children, and parents, that I have been able to meet, to ensure that I know how best to support the school moving forwards to make Milford the very best school that it can be. This is just the beginning of an exciting journey and I will certainly want to ensure that you all feel part of that as we move forwards together.

We have welcomed many of our children and bubbles back into school this week after periods of isolation and it has felt 'busier' again with more children and staff in school. We hope that we will not have to close anymore bubbles in the future but to give us the best chance of this we all have to continue to follow the quidance and advice we are given to reduce the risks of COVID-19 transmission. Many staff are carrying out regular Lateral Flow tests as part of this process to stop the virus spreading around school and this will continue after half-term.

The COVID-19 situation is looking better every day, both locally and nationally, with reduced rate of infection and more and more people having their vaccinations. We await more information from the government about when we can hopefully welcome more children back to school and you will be aware that there is still an aim for this to potentially be from the 8th of March with the Prime Minister currently due to give us more information about this on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once we know more we will ensure we communicate with you all about when / how will re-open more widely for other children.

We will also be expanding the remote learning provision to include use of MS Teams from after half-term and information about this has been sent out this week. In order for our use of MS Teams to be a success it is crucial that all families are aware and follow the user guide document that has been previously sent out - this is crucial to safeguard all of our children and staff at all times. This user guide does also apply to













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any uploads that are made to our Seesaw learning platform - please ensure you and your children are aware of it and follow this.

Remote learning will not take place over half-term next week as it is important that all of our children and staff have a good break and rest after a very challenging half term. We know how hard it has been for those families and children learning from home and we thank you all for your continued efforts to work with us to ensure that children are still able to access learning. We hope that with the improving COVID-19 situation this will not be needed for too much longer and that some form of normality is getting closer every day!

On behalf of the whole team here at Milford, we wish you a happy and safe half term week and look forward to hopefully seeing many more of you back in school next half term!

Best wishes,

Head Teacher











