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Dear Parent/Carer

Well, we have almost reached the end of a very challenging half term! Thank you again for all of your efforts during the last few weeks. Families attending school have stuck to the rules regarding dropping off and collecting children, and those of you doing home learning have been so supportive through enabling your children to access Teams meetings and complete work on Seesaw. We really appreciate your efforts at a difficult time.

This week we have been focusing on mental health and wellbeing. Every class teacher has provided learning and activities to support this, and it has made a difference to many children. We have really enjoyed seeing how families have been joining in with this and hope you have benefitted from spending some time focusing on your own wellbeing and mindfulness too.

Remember, we are holding a 'Dress To Express' day on Friday 12th February. This will involve the children dressing in a way that expresses who they are. This includes both the children in school and those working at home. We're looking forward to seeing the outfits they choose!



TWITTER

Please take a look at our school Twitter account [@IPMATHiendley](https://twitter.com/IPMATHiendley)

Teachers have been busy tweeting children's work and it gives you an idea of what everyone's getting up to, both in school and at home.

Also, every Friday each teacher will be choosing two children in their class (one in school and one learning at home) who are 'Learning Superstars'. These will be children who have tried particularly hard with an activity, made significant improvements in their work, or have been regular attenders at Teams meetings and on Seesaw. Their names will be put on Twitter so that we can celebrate their achievements.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON RETURN TO SCHOOL

As you may have seen in the news, the Prime Minister has said that the Government are hoping to begin reopening schools from the 8th March if possible. Whilst we understand that this is by no means a definite date, it has prompted some further information being released and it does appear that the following can be confirmed at this point:

- Schools will not be expected to remain open for critical workers and vulnerable pupils through the forthcoming holiday, therefore we can confirm that school will be closed as planned at February half-term;

- The FSM voucher scheme will resume after the half-term holidays until schools do re-open;
- During the holidays, the FSM voucher system appears not to be in place. However, the winter funding support offered during the Christmas holidays from Wakefield Local Authority does appear to be in place to support those families that need this;
- After the holidays, until the date when schools are instructed to re-open, school will operate in the same way it is now and those pupils at home will access remote learning in the same way they are currently.

PLEASE NOTE: Monday 22nd February 2021 is no longer an Inset Day, so school will be re-open on this date after February half term to the pupils who are currently attending.

Safeguarding

Please be aware of what children are accessing on their devices and monitor their use.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

Other useful links: <https://parentinfo.org> - resources and guidance for parents on a wealth of subjects

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> - guidance about popular apps, games and networks children may be accessing

<https://www.starwakefield.org.uk/> - resources and support to help deal with bereavement

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/> - resources to help with mental health and wellbeing

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> - Young Minds

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/> - Online resources for children and young people in Wakefield with mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - NSPCC

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> - website for safer sleep for babies

www.iconcope.org – website offering support around normal infant crying and how to cope / manage this

Useful Numbers

YOUNG MINDS PARENTS HELPLINE: 0808 8025544

CHILD LINE - Help for adults concerned about a child call us on 0808 800 5000

CHILD LINE - Help for children and young people call Childline on 0800 1111

NHS - For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.

NHS - For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.

POLICE – 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency

REFUGE – Call 0808 2000 247 for support from the National Domestic Abuse Helpline **NORMANTON**

FOOD BANK - 01924 895634 or 07307 189851

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

We hope you have a good half term and continue to keep safe.