



**The Forest School**  
Every Child, Every Chance



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We draw close to the end of this first half term and I think everyone will breathe a sigh of relief. We have had lockdown, Google classrooms, remote learning, working from home and snow to contend with so far this year -it's hard to believe it's only February. But what an amazing testimony to the incredible resilience of our community.

I am so proud of the staff for how they have worked and switched so flexibly to a different way of working and for very many of them challenging their own anxieties about being out of the home and sending their own children to school.

I am pleased that they will all be able to have a really good break from work over the half term holiday and I know that you will respect that too. Of course, I will remain available to you over that period for anything at all that you might need ([headteacher@forest.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@forest.n-yorks.sch.uk)) so please contact me rather than them so that they can have recharge their batteries.

I am also really proud of all of you too. The things that have been expected of parents and children in recent months has been beyond that which could have reasonably been predicted and yet still you have all risen to that challenge and held things together remarkably well. It might be that in all of that business no one has thought to remind of just what an incredible job you have done.

The vaccine roll out programme is looking very positive but clearly, we will continue to expect disruption as we move into the next term. The Prime Minister is due to review the current lockdown position during mid-February; the current indications are that schools will not open fully before 8th March. As I mentioned to you before, if more parents want their children to come back before then then we will have to juggle things around and will do our best but won't be able to have full time offers for children and so I just wanted to make sure that you had this information before hand as I don't want anyone to be disappointed.

A quick reminder too that school is closed to students on Friday as it is an INSET day; there will be no live lessons from staff as they will be participating in the Festival of Learning.

If you need anything, you know where I am.

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