



## Bishop Martin Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you just to update you on where we are as this half term draws to an end.

### Thank you

First of all thank you to every single critical worker who has continued to work to support critical services throughout the pandemic - we hope that we have played our part in providing a happy and safe place for your child / children throughout this half term and this has allowed you to focus on your important roles.

Next a big thank you to all the families who have supported the reduction in transmission by overseeing your child with their remote learning - we know it's been tough for lots of you juggling work and remote learning or remote learning on it's own - we really do want to thank you for every little bit of direction you have given to support your child. I know we have all learnt lots operating in what has been a new way of working and there is learning we can take as we move onto the next phase.

*Overall positives for the staff team have been:*

We have really seen children embracing technology to support their learning and we will build on this as this generation of young people will continue to work in this way as they grow older and move into secondary education.

Some children have become far more independent completing tasks and we hope when they return to school full time children will continue to grow in confidence with this.

Some children are clearly benefiting from the additional support they have had from adults at home and we think this will really benefit children long term.

Please note from next half term if you have helped your Y1-Y6 child a lot with a particular piece of work, then when they upload it on Seesaw you can write 'With Support' or 'WS' as then school staff will know that a piece of work has not been completed fully on their own. We use this coding in school and we would expect all children to require more support at the start of a topic etc.

### Lockdown

Can I please remind you we are still in lockdown for a reason and we all need to play our continued part in reducing transmission so we can reopen school as soon as we can do.

This is a special plea for those families who have children who attend school now part time or full time, please really follow strictly the lockdown guidance. I have staff members who have not had any



vaccines but who live with vulnerable people who themselves may have only had 1 jab so far. Our staff have been extraordinary this half term and given it their all. Staff have been instructed to follow the lockdown rules very diligently I am asking all parents to please help us to reopen school fully as soon as possible by all playing your part. Until we are told otherwise please follow the lockdown rules and do not mix with other families over the half term holiday. We really are all in the same boat.

As soon as we get the instruction from government of course I will update you re our full reopening.

We are closed for all pupils on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and the following week for our half term. We will reopen again for critical workers on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

Best wishes,



S. Aspinwall,  
Executive Headteacher

