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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our school community back to Red Gates this half term. It has been a busy time re-establishing routines and getting in-school learning back underway for our pupils.

We have been very impressed by how well your children have settled into school after a challenging summer term. We have also been impressed with the progress many of them have made in their independence skills since they were last in school.

This term, we have enjoyed having virtual whole school assemblies with classes able to see each other on the interactive white boards in their classes. We are working hard to preserve our sense of community across school and can see that the pupils enjoy seeing other pupils singing and joining in.

While we have to continue with virtual Annual Reviews and Personalised Planning meetings, I hope that you feel supported by your class teams. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your class team via home / school books or using your class email addresses.

I would like to reassure you that we have clear and strict protocols in place for all staff and we continue to restrict visitors into our school to keep our staff and your children COVID safe. Our school is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after school each day and sanitizer and hand gel is readily available to staff, in all rooms around school. There is evidence that the severity of COVID can be related to the amount of exposure to the virus so our staff continue to wear masks when working with pupils to further reduce the possibility of transmission. We have some masks with 'windows' so that pupils that need to see expressions or lip patterns can see their team's faces.

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On our school website you will find a new menu choice 'Remote Learning'. In that folder you will find activities and ideas to support you and your child when they are at home; either because you are isolating or because it is the school holidays. We will be refreshing the activities regularly and if you would like to try ideas from different pathways, you are welcome to browse any areas.

Thank you for all the support you have given us in adapting to our new ways of working. Next half term I will be sending you a survey about the support you have received over the past months and asking for your suggestions of how we can improve our offer. I look forward to reading your responses.

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Slee  
Head Teacher

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