



Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another unusual school term and a very strange 12 months. Photo updates on my phone have been reminding me that this time last year, lockdown was still a novelty (and that the weather was beautiful!). It certainly doesn't seem that way anymore and I am sure that we all agree that we are ready for the continuing relaxation of restrictions over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward a two week break now and then returning to a more normal summer term. Whilst restrictions and risk assessments will still be in place when we return after the holiday, some key dates in the government roadmap will hopefully mean that we will be able to start some of the activities that we have had to put to one side over the past year.

Contacting school about a positive Covid result

If your child tests positive after school has closed today, please be aware of the following information and arrangements for contacting school.

When a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please report the case via the following email address: office@robertmellors.org.uk making sure that the subject of the email is clearly marked as being related to a positive case. We will be checking for receipt of any of these emails until 4pm on Saturday 3rd April. If a positive case means that your child is considered a close contact and therefore would be required to isolate, we will inform you by 5pm on Saturday 3rd April.

Back to school

We return to school on Monday 19th April. Our one-way system around school will continue to be in place as will the request that you wear a face covering when on school site to help us to keep everyone safe and to reduce the risk of any children missing any more school. Thank you to all of you who have supported our efforts in this over the past months. I know that these restrictions may be an inconvenience to you, but the consequence of positive cases in school would be greater for many people.

Change of date

At the beginning of the school year, you were informed of the INSET days for the coming months. Due to school closing on 17th December, rather than the following day, we will no longer be having the planned INSET day on Monday 28th June – **school will be open to all children on this day**. If this poses a problem for you, please contact me at school.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter weekend and I hope that the holiday period is a good one for everyone – fingers crossed for some more sunshine!

Warm regards

Mrs Essex

