October 21st 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach half term can I say a huge thank you to you all for all your continued support. We all returned after the Summer break to a completely different way of doing ‘school’. The pupils have been amazing and have coped well with all the changes. As guidance is updated and revised we have had to make changes along the way such as staff wearing of masks and the refining of some of our ‘bubbles’. However, the pupils have just taken everything in their stride and appear happy and settled.

We are trying to maintain the curriculum as much as we can. We are making use of our excellent communal areas, i.e. Sports Hall, swimming pool, rebound room and sensory rooms. These areas are booked out with clear time slots and time is factored in to clean down after each group.

As a school we have always been proud of our ‘Learning for Life’ curriculum and have tried to maintain this as best we can. We are allowing local trips out into the community on foot and we are using the minibuses if required. This has enabled us to continue with our 6th form college visits and our Forest School curriculum.

As I write this I can see from the news that decisions are being made and revised constantly. At the moment we are finishing for half term at the close of school on Thursday October 22nd and will return on Monday November 2nd. As ever we are dealing with an ever changing situation and we will endeavour to keep you all informed of any further changes we may have to implement.

Finally, I do hope you can all enjoy half term and come back refreshed for November and December.

Take care and keep safe.

Gail Lawton

Headteacher