

# Shepherds Down School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we break up for half term I thought I would update you as far as I can. Firstly, the good news is that we haven't had any positive cases within the school for over two weeks and all those isolating have now returned to school. All staff are continuing to carry out lateral flow tests at home twice a week and so far they have all been negative.

We will continue to keep the rota system in place when we return after half term and we will wait to hear what plans the government announce on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Whilst, it is uncertain the timescale the government will be announcing, we will aim to remove the rota system and welcome back all children full time at the point that all mainstream primary school re-open. We will be in contact again once the government has shared their plans for schools.

In the meantime, please contact school if you want your child to return back to school before then, as we remain committed to providing a part time place for all children who want it, until we are able to fully re-open. As I have previously said, if you are experiencing difficulties with the rota arrangement, you want to change your decision (even for a short time) or want to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me, I am in school every day and always available via email. Once we know what the plans for schools are after half term we will be in touch.

For those children remaining at home we will also continue to ensure that we are providing as much help as we can. The class teacher will continue to contact you each week to see how your child is getting on, seek feedback on the learning activities that have been provided and see how else we can help. Don't forget to tune in to the Facebook Live activity which will continue to run every Tuesday when we return after half term.

Finally, we had provisionally planned for an INSET day on 19<sup>th</sup> March, but as social contact outside of classes is still likely to be limited at this time we will postpone it again until the Summer term. We have only taken 2 INSET days so far so will need to take the remaining 3 during the Summer term, but will confirm the dates when we know what is happening beyond 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Have a good half term,

Keep well

Debby



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