

**From the Chair of Governors**  
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**From little seeds  
grow mighty trees**

**To All Parents and Carers,**

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020*

**Re: Half Term Circuit Break**

**Dear All,**

As we approach the Half Term break, I wanted to write to you all to highlight the successful return to school that we have all experienced at Evenlode Primary.

This gives me the ideal opportunity to thank you all for your hard work in observing the guidance given by the school when dropping off and collecting your children. It also gives me the opportunity to thank your children for their continued efforts to maintain their bubbles, keep washing their hands regularly and where possible keeping their distance from their teachers. This is not the natural way to experience school and they have adapted to it tremendously well.

I would also like to pay tribute to the extremely hard work of all the staff at the school in adopting new protocols to ensure all pupils and staff are kept safe when on the premises. Also for making quick assessments this term for all children. This has enabled the school to establish where any gaps may have developed and to address any additional learning needs that may exist for individuals. On top of all these extra demands on their time, they continue to deliver an excellent educational experience for everyone from Reception to Year 6.

We so very nearly reached Half Term without a single confirmed positive test for Covid-19 but this has occurred this week. All children in the year 5 bubble and 3 members of the full-time staff are experiencing blended learning for the last few days of this week from home in isolation. The fact that no more children or staff were required to isolate is testament to the security of the bubbles we have put in place at the school. We are confident all of these children should be able to return to school fit and well after half term and there is no evidence of any transmission within the school at all to date.

My final point is more of a request to you all to keep up the good work at school while on or near the premises in respect of your social distancing. The Welsh Government Circuit Break that was announced on Monday gives us an excellent opportunity to slow the virus and stop it from spreading within the community. All the hard work we have put in at school will go completely to waste if Parents, Carers and Children mix in groups socially over Half Term, or outside school time on their return from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please therefore also consider every plan you make to leave your house for the next two weeks. **Is it essential? Can you remain distanced from people outside your own household?** If the answer to either of these questions is **'No'** then please **don't leave the house.**

**Have an enjoyable Half Term break, Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, and keep our school community safe.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen BH", is written over a horizontal line.

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**Stephen Burkitt-Harrington**  
Cadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr | Chair of Governors  
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