



# WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Half-Term Letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you remain safe and well at this point.

Half-term is upon us and it seems so long ago since we were able to see many of you face to face. We have been so impressed with the effort and energy that you have all put into the remote learning and the level of engagement there has been from the children. We are all hoping that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March is the day when we can welcome everyone back again.

### **Schools Re-Opening**

The Prime Minister is planning to announce on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February how he intends schools to re-open again. If needs be, I will follow this up with information on how we will respond to whatever is announced.

### **New Admissions**

For those of you who have younger siblings who plan to start school in September, the deadline for applications has passed, but the Local Authority has asked heads to let parents know that applications can still be received but parents may not get their first choice. Even so, if you still need to register for a school place, do so as soon as you can. Likewise, if you know of anyone who will need a place for September's Reception class who may not have siblings in school already, do remind them to apply to whichever school they intend to join as the authority is still happy to receive applications despite the deadline passing.

### **Contact over the Half-Term Break**

After today, I will be instructing the classroom staff to have a decent break over half-term so you may find that the contact email addresses will be 'out of office' until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. However, the Inclusion Team; Miss Hutton and Mrs Coates will be available should you need to contact them on the usual contact arrangement throughout the holiday.

For families whose children have been in school during lockdown, we ask that should your child become symptomatic over the weekend, please let us know and then arrange for them to take a test. If the test is positive then we will need to know in order to communicate this to all possible contacts up to two days prior to them becoming symptomatic. This will only be the case until the end of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February as any symptoms after that will be outside the two-day period where infection could have spread within school.

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**And finally....**

School finishes today for the next week in order for you and your children to take a breather from the work that everyone has been working on. During that time there will be some updating of the electrical works throughout the school and a fence will be established around the perimeter of the infant playground.

Because the school will remain closed to Non-Key Worker pupils at least two weeks after half-term, I will be holding a live shout out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February to mention any birthdays that week and also to share any news or developments ready for school starting again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you a peaceful and safe half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Keith Wright  
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