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Dear Parents & Carers,

20th November 2020

Following a successful 3 weeks back at school, after the half term break, I am writing to say that we are celebrating yet another successful start to this half term, with no cases of Covid-19 affecting any bubble closures at Smith's Wood Primary School. As you know, we went through the first half term, with no bubble closures, which was a fantastic achievement and we have now completed the first 3 weeks of the new half term, with all classes and year groups remaining open. This continues to be a huge achievement in the current climate and I would like to thank parents and carers for the support they are offering the school in terms of social distancing and adhering to the guidance in order to keep pupils and the school community safe.

Whilst we have been fortunate at Smith's Wood Primary to not have been affected, as yet, by any year groups closing, we are continually aware of the rising number of cases across the Nation and the fact that many schools are having to close bubbles and switch to remote learning is a constant reminder that we must ensure that the quality provision offered at school is available should it need to be, at home, for our pupils. With this in mind, we have been working hard to ensure that Smith's Wood Primary Academy is prepared to switch to remote learning for a full bubble closure if we need to. We have been successfully offering remote learning opportunities for individual pupils, who have been instructed to self-isolate and this remote learning has included opportunities for pupils to access live lessons from home should they wish. I know that correspondence has been sent home over the last 2 weeks, in relation to preparations for home learning should we need it and I thank parents and carers for sending back any responses so that we can ensure pupils are provided with the provision they require.

We will continue to work hard to ensure that your child receives the quality education that they receive on a daily basis and remain committed to keeping every year group open, every day for as long as we can. Our aim is to reach the end of the Autumn term without having to close any bubbles and we will continue to ensure all the precautions we have in place remain, so that we can try and reach our aim, however we are always acutely aware that the virus is still very much around and a case could affect a year group at the drop of a hat. Please continue to support the safety of the school site by following the guidelines set. Remember, if you have any questions, or concerns about your child displaying any symptoms, then call the school and we will advise in the best way we can.

The school continues to offer all of the current provision, including the offer of breakfast, for any pupils wishing to access this and we will ensure that if there are any changes to guidance, or updates, then we will communicate this with parents.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing all our pupils on Monday. Please remember that next week is a 4 day week, as we have a scheduled INSET day on Friday 27th November.

Yours sincerely,

D.M. Givens

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