



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all keeping well. You may have heard the government's announcement that schools will not reopen until at least 8<sup>th</sup> of March. We will find out on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, when the Prime Minister announces plans on how schools will be expected to return. We will write to you then to update you about measures that will be in place and how Downsell Primary will open to wider community.

We are aware that children are working very hard to access online learning and we appreciate all you are doing to make this possible. We know how difficult this may be at times and would like to thank you for all the support you give to your children.

### Online learning:

Can you please spend some time to look at the guidance on our school website which are there to help support your children at this moment of time as best as we can. There is an expectation for children to upload all completed work so that their teachers can mark it and add comments to it. If you are experiencing any difficulties with uploading the work, please call the school office and we will guide you through it.

There is also a guide and a video on the school website explaining how to do the uploading. Please click on Covid-19 Latest (right hand side bottom corner) where you will find the guide.

### 1) Late comings:

Please ensure that your child logs on promptly to online lessons as it makes it difficult to keep up with the learning pace or participate actively if they log in late.

### 2) Contact with families:

Teachers are trying to contact parents on weekly basis to see how children and families are doing. If there is any support we can provide please let us know.

Thank you for engaging so well with all teachers.

### Half term break:

We have been informed that schools will not be open during February half term break for children of critical workers and the vulnerable groups. Teachers will not teach remotely and there won't be any homework set for that week. However, we have launched an



exciting project for all children at Downsell Primary, this should keep them busy throughout the half term. We are delighted to let you know that we have now launched digital version of Downsell's Got Talent. Please look at our school website for further information.

Children of critical workers and the vulnerable groups will return to school after half term on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (there is no Inset day as originally planned)

We wish you and your family a wonderful half term break.

Your Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deena Chetty'.

Mr Chetty  
Headteacher



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