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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well and keeping safe during this time. This letter is an update to keep you informed with some developments. However, I would like to thank you all for your support and determination over the last 3 weeks. This lockdown has been especially challenging and the support you have provided for your children is hugely appreciated.

School will be closed to all pupils over the February half-term, from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February. School will close at the normal time (3.00 EYFS/ KS1 and 3.05 KS2) on Friday 12th February. During this week there will be no remote learning set.

Currently it is very unclear as to the Governments plans for pupils to return to school and like you, we are awaiting further information to as and when this may happen. As we have further information we will let you know. In the most likely event that school continues to be closed other than to the children of Critical workers and vulnerable pupils Remote Learning will restart on Monday 22nd February.

This week we are carrying out a parental Remote Learning questionnaire, we are carefully considering that if this period of school closure continues, how we can further build on our Remote Learning offer. Please follow the link: https://thirsk.eschools.co.uk/web/parental_questionnaire/515100 . We will look carefully at the responses and use them to develop our next steps. The questionnaire will run until Friday 26th January at 3.00pm. Thank you to everyone who has already completed this – it is very useful and greatly appreciated.

If you are still struggling with technology –especially hardware –please get in touch with us at school we may be able to help. Contact the school office.

At school we are aware that some families are accessing on-line learning using mobile data, currently there are some national schemes to support families to have additional data to support with Remote Learning. To find out whether you may be eligible please follow the link: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data> . This outlines the criteria that must to be met to receive this support. If you think you meet this criteria please contact the school office -Monday to Wednesday.

Requests for additional data support that falls outside of this guidance will be reviewed by the school on an individual basis.

Thank you again for taking the time to read through this letter.
Keep safe and keep going.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chandler
Headteacher

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