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Dear parents / carers

As you know the national 'firebreak' is due to begin at 6pm tonight (Friday 23rd October), encompassing our October half term and the week beginning Monday 2nd November.

When we return to school on Monday 2nd November, only Y7 and Y8 will be on site. For these year groups, learning will continue as normal with the timetable being followed in the usual way.

However, with Y9 and above working remotely from home that week, be assured that we will provide a week's worth of provision to these pupils via their Google Classrooms.

With the exception of some practical subjects, such as KS3 PE, we are aiming to deliver all of the pupils' timetabled lessons across the course of the week.

Staff will upload resources for each lesson into the relevant classroom and be available online to respond to questions or queries and support the pupils in the completion of the work set. For sixth formers we are also trialling the live delivery of some lessons.

Sessions have been held this week to remind pupils how to access their online classrooms and to be aware of what to expect.

Hard copies of all pupil timetables have been distributed to them, so that they are clear about what lessons they have each day. Electronic versions of these will also be shared with yourselves, so that you also know what lessons your children have each day.

Despite a significant shift to online and remote learning across all schools in response to working with Covid-19 restrictions, there is understanding that some pupils may not always be able to access a device or may even prefer to work on hard copies.

As such, we have compiled work packs of core subject resources that will be available for collection from the school during half term ahead of the week beginning 2nd November.

If you or your child would like one of these work packs, they will be available for collection from the school on **Wednesday 28th October between 9am and 11am.**

It has been a challenging half term and I am sure that we would all agree that as we move forward there will continue to be further challenges that'll need to be faced. However, having the children back to school after the UK wide lockdown and the summer holidays has been fantastic! They have adapted to the new ways of operating and have worked hard in lessons, so it is frustrating to have to return after half term with only two year groups on site. Nevertheless, we all understand the need for this decision and I want to reassure you that learning will continue over the course of the second 'firebreak' week.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope that you and your families have a good half term and if there are any questions or concerns as we move forward, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Jarvis', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jarvis
Headteacher