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Dear Parent/Carer

As the half term holiday approaches, I wanted to let you know that it has been a great start to the new academic year, and share information for next half term. Children have come back to school, quickly adapting to changes with excitement and enthusiasm. We are very proud that they feel settled and safe in school.

Parents' evening this term cannot take place in school. However, we believe that the communication and partnership between school and home remains a vital element of your child's learning journey and feel sure you will want to know how well your child has settled and how we are filling the gaps left by school closures.

With this in mind, teachers will be getting in touch with a timetable for week beginning 9 November. You will be asked to book a time slot when your child's class teacher can give you a ring. Each call will last no longer than 5 minutes. This is to ensure all families can be contacted at their allocated time without delays. During the call, we will share activities you can take part in at home to help your child restore knowledge and skills and maintain engagement in their learning. If you have any further questions after this time you can make a second appointment with your class teacher or myself at a later date.

Over the coming months, we will also be sending home a range of activities for homework, some of which will require a digital device, other than a smart phone, for example tablets, PCs, laptops and a printer. If your child does not have access to these please contact school as soon as possible. **A suitable digital device will also be required should your child's class have to be sent home to isolate for a period of time.**

We have produced a survey regarding remote learning; that is the learning provision we offer should an individual or class have to isolate and learn from home. I would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete and return the survey as soon as possible so we can further develop our planned provision to suit the needs of your family circumstances.

[Link to online survey](#)

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity say a big thank you to everyone for your support and help with keeping the children safe in and around school. Social distancing remains a priority in the school grounds and outside the school gates. I would politely ask that children remain at your side until you have left the grounds and not be allowed to play together, particularly if they are from different bubbles/classes. The times for the staggered drop off and pickups will continue after the half term holiday.

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 23 October for INSET. We hope you all have a good week and look forward to seeing you back again on Monday 2 November.

Kind regards
Nikki Barker
SLC Federation Head