



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Delayed return to school – live lessons continue after half term

I hope that you are well. Thank you for another great week of on-line learning – your support is much appreciated in these extraordinary times.

Return to school is delayed until at least 8th March

Following the [Prime Minister's return to school statement](#), it is now clear that the current arrangements for remote education will continue until at least March 8th. Whilst we were hoping that we would be able to welcome students back into school earlier than this, it is now clear that our absolute priority has to be to work together to ensure that students are accessing the remote curriculum successfully and ultimately staying safe. Critical worker/vulnerable student school will continue to be offered to relevant students.

Live lessons

The fact that all students are following their usual timetable, live on-line, is a powerful testament to the complete commitment of Murray Park staff and students to work together to create a visionary platform for learning. Please make contact on slt@murraypark.derby.sch.uk if you have not got access to a laptop for your child/ren or you are struggling with wi-fi. We can provide a wi-fi dongle and/or a new laptop to help with on-line work.

February half term arrangements

- The Department for Education has set out that schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.
- Murray Park School will still issue Free School Meal vouchers to eligible families during half term.
- We will continue to play our role in contact tracing during the half term week for those pupils and staff who have continued to attend school. We will contact parents whose children have attended school this half term about the arrangements for this.
- Regular testing of staff and students in school will not continue during half term. However, these staff and students will be tested on their return to school, after half term, if school has their consent form.

Thank you again for your continued support and the work that you are doing to support your child/ren. I hope you and your family are able to get a good rest this weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Caley
Headteacher

