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## **Newsletter Week Ending 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I am sure you will all have your own views about the Government announcement made this week about a possible return to school on 8 March. I am sure that we share many of your frustrations about the announcement. We are all keen to see students returning to school as soon as is possible. Let's hope that the Government is able to ensure that students can return on the expected date. In the meantime, please be assured that we will continue to work hard to deliver and improve upon our remote teaching offer.

Thank you for all the supportive and helpful messages you have been sending in response to our survey. Constructive and well thought out feedback is always welcome and it helps us to continue to adapt and improve our offer.

### **Student Well-being**

As I keep saying, I am delighted with the way in which students have adapted to the new way of working and I know that they are working hard but as a result they are spending more and more time on screens. We will be writing to you next week about our plans for some additional wellbeing activities (see below for a flavour of our plans).

### **Week beginning 8 February 2021**

#### **No screens day**

We plan to hold a no screens day on Tuesday 9 February. This is national safer internet day, and we intend to suspend our usual school day and give students time away from screens. We will send further details about this next week.

#### **Early finish Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

We intend to finish our normal school day early on that day and will confirm the time next week. This is to encourage students to go and do something different that will benefit their own wellbeing. We will be posting some suggested activities for students to engage with nearer the time.

Students who are currently attending school will stay in school until the end of the school day, but they will be doing some different activities with staff.



### **Assessment and reporting windows**

I know that Mr Eagleton updated parents/carers on a number of teaching and learning points this week. We are keen to try to ensure that we stay as close to our normal assessment and reporting cycles as is possible.

### **Free School Meal provision- February half term**

**Please see link below with information about provision for free school meals at half term.**

If parents/carers have registered in October and Christmas they you do not have to register again. If parent/carers do wish to register you will need to do so by 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions about this then please contact the school and we will try to help you. Please click on the link below for further details.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-january-2021/no-child-will-go-hungry-in-gloucestershire-this-half-term/>

### **Lockdown lunches and meal plans**

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Please see the attached link for further details.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Thank you for your continued support.  
Have a restful weekend.

Mr Gilpin  
Headteacher

