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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of the half term and many of you will be feeling relieved – and ready for a break from remote learning. It has certainly felt as if the children have found this week harder. We are all hoping that cases of coronavirus continue to fall and the number of people in hospital starts to reduce. It is these factors that will mean school will be able to re-open to all pupils. We are certainly hoping that will happen soon – and we have started our preparations for re-opening.

As part of the preparations, I would like to provide notice of some changes that will be put in place after the half term holiday. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, each class will have a daily zoom session with a member of their class teaching team. The zoom meetings will take place at the same time every day.

9.00am	YR	Y2	Y6
9.30am	Y1	Wagtails	Kingfishers

You will have noticed from the table above that KS1 has been split into year groups. We are planning to teach YR, Y1 and Y2 as separate year groups when school re-opens. This will enable us to keep the teaching groups small for the catch-up curriculum that will be put in place. We do not have any space to split our KS2 classes into separate year groups – but additional staffing has been allocated to the KS2 classes to provide appropriate support for learning and catch-up.

Alongside the daily zoom sessions, we have planned further zoom meetings for each class that will focus on phonics/reading sessions (KS1/YR) and guided reading sessions (KS2). This is in addition to the group, whole class and 1:1 zoom sessions that are already in place. The classteachers will provide details of these meetings before the start of the new term.

Remote Learning has been challenging and we know that everybody has done their very best to make this model of learning work in very difficult circumstances. We have learnt a lot along the way and have continued to improve the way we have used our learning platform. This has been a steep learning curve for everyone but I think most of the issues that have been raised have been resolved.

However, there may be times when things don't go as smoothly as we hope. If there are any issues or problems, please contact us.

If there are any problems with login details or accessing materials, please contact  
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If you have any problems / questions about the work provided or concerns about your child's engagement with learning, please contact the classteacher, either through the Eschools messaging service or through email.

Of course, if any problems are not resolved, and you continue to have concerns, please feel free to contact me on [head@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk)

Finally, I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at school who have worked tirelessly to provide for your children. This has been a very different way of working and there are many people in the Hope Brook building who have gone above and beyond to make this work. I am so grateful for all their support.

Enjoy the half term break.

Look after each other and stay safe.

We will be back together soon.

Stephanie Severn