



Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents

It certainly hasn't been the start to learning in 2021 that we all would have wanted, but I would like to sincerely thank you for all your support over the last six weeks. I have everything crossed that we will be able to fully open from the 8th of March. I would also like to thank staff who adapted quickly in response to new challenges; their dedication and positivity has enabled me to ensure our remote learning provision has been sustainable even in the face of staff absence. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that our staff who have been absent with Covid-19 have all now recovered and are back at school.

It is wonderful to see the hard work and resilience Northburn pupils have shown towards the new norm of learning. I have enjoyed receiving work from pupils who have been keen to show their work; you will have seen much of this work displayed on my board during my weekly video for the children. I have particularly enjoyed reading the letters they have written to me.

Staff have already started to organise remote learning for our return after February half-term, where we will be focusing on physical and mental health to support your child. (Resource packs for the week beginning 22nd February are available for collection for those who have requested and are for remote learning after February half-term.) We are hoping to include a wider range of non-screen based activities as well as planning a *Wellbeing Week* beginning 1st March as research shows this is beneficial to both mental and physical health.

We all head into February half-term for a well-deserved rest. Take this time to recharge the batteries! I look forward to welcoming everyone back either to school or remote learning on Monday 22nd February and am hoping that I can welcome everyone back soon after.

Take care,