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Dear Cuddington Families,

Today is the last day of week 8 and our first half term working under a Covid Risk Assessment. I am delighted that we have got this far without closing a bubble, but also know this could be a possibility after the half term. We have worked together to ensure the safety, happiness and academic achievements for our children, so on behalf of my staff, we thank you for working with us at a time when we are 'trying our very best.'

Below are 2 extracts from emails I have received this morning. I feel they capture exactly what we have been trying to achieve. Receiving positive emails are a way of showing support for my staff as they work hard to develop positive outcomes for all.

'....Sending your child to school when they first start is always a leap of faith, you hope and pray the staff will take good care of your little one and that your child will flourish. This year more than ever, under the most challenging conditions, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for keeping our precious son not only safe, but also happy, enthused and learning.'

'.....please pass on my thanks and appreciation to specifically the staff at school today for this half-term. March - July was incredibly upsetting and tough for all the staff and all the families, in differing ways. Coming back this term was a big ask for many staff, full of anxiety and questions. They have risen to the challenge. They have given the children a half-term full of routines and education that has given the children badly needed stability and certainty. More than that, they have given them happiness and positivity, essential experiences for children. Obviously school leadership has played a crucial role in that. We cannot underestimate the role of a school in these difficult times for communities and society.'

Teams

You will now have received your child's username and password for 'Teams.' Your teacher will be putting a message on their team's page and this is for you (with your child) to respond to so we know who has accessed their group and who will need further support to do so. Staff have talked through protocols for home and school;

- Teams will be used for remote learning only
- Children will access their account with adult supervision (or adult knowledge if the adult is working)
- Children will only respond to a Teacher or Teaching Assistant expectation (it is NOT to be used as a vehicle to send private messages to each other)
- Parents will use it in a supervisory capacity (parent queries will use the usual route of email or calling school)
- Using Teams sits under the safety umbrella and there is an expectation that parents and children observe the 'safe use' of it.
- If the protocols change for any reason, then parents will be notified.
- Teachers will regularly check their Team to monitor safe use.

Curriculum after the half term

Now that progress reports have been sent out, staff can now start to think about their children's learning for the second half of the autumn term. They will start to update their class page as necessary so you can see which learning experiences our teachers will be providing.



During our final Celebration assembly this afternoon, I reminded our children that under COVID Tier 2 restrictions, children would NOT be allowed to go round to anyone else's house for 'trick or treating.' I'm sure as parents you have other creative ideas to celebrate Halloween!

Enjoy the time with your family of the half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday 2nd November.

Warmest regards,
Mrs S Mills
Head Teacher