

# **Mount Hawke Academy**

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#### **Dear Families**

Thank you for another positive week. We are so very aware how challenging this time is, and with the weather as it is, even some time outside is not always as pleasant as it can be, but the continued enthusiasm for learning that we see is wonderful. Thank you to everyone who has filled in the Aspire Remote Learning Survey, and we will be looking at your scores and comments shortly. Please remember that term ends on Thursday 11th February as we have a Training Day on the Friday. On this day, school staff will be finding out more about identifying language disorders and overcoming barriers to learning with Dr Val Brooks. We will, of course, keep you updated on any changes to school reopening to more children as we hear them.

#### **Wellbeing Sessions**

It has been super to see so many of our children joining in with their Wellbeing Session on Google Meet or Teams this week. By now you should have received notification of your class's session for the next two weeks, and all the teachers would be delighted to see as many as possible joining in again. We aim to keep these running every week, so please don't worry if you miss one.

## **Statutory Assessments**

The Department for Education have cancelled the 2021 national curriculum assessments, including Key Stage 1 (Y2) and 2 (Y6) tests and teacher assessments. For Year 6, we are currently working with the local secondary schools and our cluster schools on the format of assessment and other information that we will pass on to the children's new schools.

### **Half Term**

The Department for Education have announced this week 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. If you have been in school up to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and test positive for Covid-19 over the first weekend, please contact Aspire as usual following the details below.

## What to do if a COVID test comes back positive?

If the test comes back positive during school hours, please phone us straight away. If the test comes back positive out of school hours, please access the form below <a href="http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus">http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus</a>

## Free Data SIM Cards

We have just received a limited number of Free Data SIM cards. These can be put into a smart laptop or dongle, or a smartphone to tether a device to the hotspot on the phone and will give 30GB for 90 days. Please let us know if you would benefit from one of these.

#### Communications

Remember to use the email <a href="hello@mounthawke.org">hello@mounthawke.org</a> or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us or let us know about something or share something with us.

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe weekend.



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