

February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Half Term Update – February 2021

I hope you are well and, like me, optimistic about a return to school in March for our students.


Many of you will have been following the news recently and the points made about schools by the Prime Minister. I am writing to confirm what we know at present about the plans.

- Schools will be closed completely as planned for half term, 15 February 2021 to 19 February 2021 to all students.
- If your child has been in school on Thursday 11 February 2021 or Friday 12 February 2021 and develops symptoms on either Saturday 13 February 2021 or Sunday 14 February 2021 that result in a positive test, please notify school by emailing admin@beckfoot.org or by telephoning 01274 771444 and leaving a voicemail with the following information:
 - Name of child, their class/base/Year Group
 - Date your child last attended school
 - Symptoms and date/time they started
 - Date test taken
 - Preferred telephone contact details (in case school need to call you back)We will then take appropriate action following the national advice issued to schools with contract trace.
- After half term, arrangements for remote or in school learning remain as they are now until at least 8 March 2021.
- Clarification about the 8 March 2021 arrangements will be provided by the Government the week commencing 22 February 2021. Schools and families will receive at least two weeks' notice of changes to school arrangements to make preparations. We do not yet know what the return to school will mean and it will be dependent on public health information at that time. School will be in contact as soon as we have further information about this.
- Eligible families will continue to receive free school meal vouchers through Edenred during term time until further notice. During the February half term break support is available for food for any family that needs it through the local authority Winter Grant Schemes. Details can be found on our website and at [Beckfoot Trust - Support for families.](#)

We will continue with our remote learning provision and provide as much support as we can for our students and families during these continuing challenging times.

We will update you as soon as we have any further information on new Government guidance. Thank you to you all for your continued support. It is hugely appreciated.

Best wishes.



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