



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

An Unprecedented Half-Term

As we approach the end of what has been a very unprecedented half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both our children and our families for their patience and understanding in these most unusual of circumstances.

As you know we were faced with relocating our community with very little notice. We just could not have achieved what we did in such little time without the support of our parents, carers and families. Also, our wonderful teaching and support staff, the wider Trust team and the Diocese and catholic community. We are eternally grateful to each and every one of you for your faith in us to continue to deliver an exceptional curriculum to your children in a safe and loving environment. We appreciate the current arrangements are not ideal and share your frustrations, but face-to-face learning is so important. We are proud that we managed to get our pupils back to face-to-face as quickly as we could.

We anticipate that our current arrangements will be in place until at least Christmas. I am committed to updating you with any further news as soon as I have it. We are continuing to work closely with the DfE, as you will appreciate this is a logistically complex issue.

Above all else, all of our wonderful children have impressed us with their adaptability and high spirits. We are blessed that these children continue to thrive, achieve and make progress as we move into the second part of the Autumn Term.

We hope you all have a lovely break with lots of Autumn fun planned and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October 2023.

Kind regards and blessings

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