

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

**End of term newsletter**

I am writing to you at the end of a historic half term – when pupils accessed a fulltime education from home. It is difficult to put into words how proud I have been to see how well our pupils have engaged with remote learning. They deserve huge credit for their efforts and I am certain that those who have attended their lessons will have continued to make good progress. Please pass on my praise and thanks to all our pupils.

I imagine it has been an incredibly challenging time for you too, trying to work from home and ensure your children are on-line and learning. I would like to thank you for all of your efforts to keep learning going. It makes me incredibly sad to see children unable to come to school and I hope that soon they will be back with us again.

In the meantime, Ofsted inspectors have conducted a two-day remote inspection of our remote education offer which was incredibly useful and as always gave us the opportunity to reflect on our practice and identify areas for further improvement. Everyone agreed the academy continues to go from strength to strength and it was lovely to hear some of the really positive comments parents submitted in the survey.

Finally, a special shout out to all our Twitter followers. Thank you for liking our tweets, encouraging our pupils and sharing photos of the beautiful work being created in your homes. It really brightens up our day.

Have a safe and restful half term. Lessons begin again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and hopefully by then we will have a confirmed plan for reopening.

Kind regards

Mrs A Rooney

Principal