



IGHTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

29th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

I'm sure that many of you will have been following the news this week and will have picked up on the statement regarding school closures, but for those of you who may not have had the chance to see it yet, I want to make sure everyone is as up to date as possible.

It has been rare, since the start of the pandemic, that schools have been provided with much clarity or advance notice, but we now have at least some certainty about what will be happening in the coming weeks. The key announcements from Parliament are as follows:

- The earliest schools might 'begin to re-open' will be Monday 8th March, which is the start of the third school week after the half-term holiday;
- There will be a plan/review set out on Monday 22nd February (the first day after the half-term holiday), with further updates;
- When the decision to return has been made, schools will get two weeks' notice of this.

Sadly, this means that we have at least four more school weeks of home-learning. I know that this will be bitterly disappointing for many families and the children, but I hope that it provides some hope that there might be an end in sight, at least in terms of getting the children back into school.

Children's Mental Health Week Virtual Assembly – A Reminder

Oak National Academy has teamed up with charities [Place2Be](#) and [BAFTA Kids](#) to create a [free assembly for Children's Mental Health Week 2021](#), celebrating this year's theme of "Express Yourself".

Set your reminders for **9am on Monday 1st February** and spread the word as Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC Presenter Rhys Stephenson host the assembly alongside some other special well-known faces...!

The assembly will be available on demand if you aren't able to make it at this time.



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We Are With You

A parent very kindly told me about this organisation which is available to help families needing support.

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/help-and-advice/find-service/how-we-help-mental-health/>

Kind regards,

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