

Tinsley Meadows Primary Academy



Dear Families,

I am writing to wish you all a lovely holiday at the end of what has been a very different half term. Covid has meant that we have had to implement many new routines in school to keep the staff and pupils safe. I am extremely proud of the way that everyone has adapted to these new procedures.

We have had two bubbles close this half term who have been educated at home on a programme called Teams. We have had a number of children who have been self-isolating, due to Covid, who have been able to join in with their class on the computer. Although it is always better if a child is in school, when they can't be this at least means that they don't fall further behind when they are isolating. The staff have been marvellous the way they have adapted to this new way of working continually solving problems to make it work. We will continue to refine this practice in the coming months.

As I write this letter, South Yorkshire is about to move into tier three. We have spoken yesterday with the older children about what this means. Please try to keep everyone safe by following the procedures below:

- **Pubs and bars must close, and can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant - which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal.**
- **People must not meet anybody outside their household or support bubble in any indoor or outdoor setting, whether at home or in a public space.**
- **People should try to avoid travelling outside the 'very high' area they are in, or entering a 'very high' area, other than for things like work, education, accessing youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if they are in transit**
- **People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if they are resident in a 'very high' area, or avoid staying overnight in a 'very high' area if they are resident elsewhere**

Even though things have been a little different this half term we have still managed to maintain our usual high standard of education. We have welcomed a number of visitors into school since we are restricted from taking children out on visits. So far the children really enjoyed their stone-age visitor, a World War 2 workshop and a chocolate workshop. We have lots of exciting activities planned for next half term including a river study, workshops from Sheffield University and other interesting workshops.

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We wish you all a safe and happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again when school re-opens on **Monday 2nd November** at the usual time. Keep yourself and your families safe. **Please note that we are not shut for two weeks.**

Yours sincerely

D J Sanderson

Principal