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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been exceptionally difficult for everyone. I have had many conversations with a lot of people across our school community and there is no doubt that the latest lockdown has impacted significantly on all lives.

Home learning is still relatively new to us all. Collectively we continue to embrace what works well and find ways of improving what doesn't work well. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it is to manage your child's home learning and to deal with your own work commitments. You and your children have been fantastic!

The overwhelming support and constructive feedback we have received from you has given us a tremendous lift and the positive motivation to keep driving on. As you are aware, the teaching staff are teaching on two fronts. The staff at St Luke's always work hard for your children but I don't think I've ever seen them work as hard as they've done during this half term. Teaching the children in school, providing home learning as well as looking after their own families has been a huge task and the staff have risen to the challenge magnificently. The governors and I are very proud and grateful for everything the staff have done above and beyond this half term.

With that in mind, the staff are in much need of a well-earned break. Although the online platforms such as DOJO and Teams have brought the relationship between parents and teachers even closer, I request that you do not send any messages during the half term. I'm sure you will join me in recognising that the preservation of the mental health of the staff and yourselves is paramount.

Notifying the school of positive Covid-19 test results during the half term holiday

If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result at any time during the school holiday then please let us know immediately, using the email address covidtestreporting@saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk right up until mid-day on Tuesday 16th February. We need to know the date your child was last in school, the date the test was taken and the first date that your child experienced symptoms of Covid-19.

The half term break gives everyone the opportunity to 'switch off and re-charge batteries'. Please take this time to enjoy some fresh air and some quality family time.

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

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Headteacher