



Codsall
Middle School

a school to be proud of



18th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We're now well settled into the Spring Term and pupils are working away enthusiastically in school. We are pleased to say that so far school life hasn't been significantly impacted by COVID; although we know that some pupils and staff have been affected, our lessons and enrichment activities have been able to continue as usual.

As I have previously stated, our intention is for this to remain the case as long as it is possible – we want pupils to be able to enjoy the full CMS experience, learning well, feeling happy at school and becoming excellent Codsall citizens. However, we must, of course, react to changing circumstances. We are working hard to ensure that our timetable and clubs run as usual but if staff absences due to COVID rise, it may be that this provision is impacted. We may find that we have to cancel clubs or cover lessons with non-specialists, and this may have to happen at short notice. We may be forced to be more 'imaginative' with covering lessons (as many schools already are) by perhaps combining classes. Please be reassured that we will do absolutely everything we can to avoid even partial school closure.

As always, I thank you in all you do to support us during these times of COVID. Please continue to ensure that your KS3 child wears a mask to school (KS2 pupils can choose to do so, if they wish) and tests twice weekly. If your child does test positive for COVID, please contact the school office who will advise you. For pupils who are self-isolating but are well enough, we will provide an updated range of schoolwork they can complete.

Once you have contacted the office to inform us about a positive result, we will email links to lessons for each subject area for pupils to access (these links are also available in Teams). These have been chosen by teachers because they will be support pupils' learning and enhance our curriculum. Please note that pupils are not expected to complete all of the lessons and for some subjects there may be a range that they can choose from to suit themselves. We suggest pupils start with English, Maths and Science and see what they feel up to. Please contact the school office if you feel that you need more help with this.

In more cheerful news, I have been delighted to meet some of our Values Stars in my regular Monday morning slot. We are focussing on the 'Ambitious' value at the moment,

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but we are always on the look-out for pupils who are demonstrating behaviour that is *Considerate, Ambitious or Proud*.

We are always evaluating what we do as a school and we value our partnership with parents and carers very highly – we know that support from home is a vital contributor to a pupils' success. To help us with this, we will be sending out a survey to get your feedback. We'd very much appreciate it if you would complete that for us.

I hope you all stay healthy and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KM Reade". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Mrs K Reade
Head of School