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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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## Headteacher's Half Term Update – Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this half term comes to a close, I would like to share a few updates with you:

- I would like to congratulate Sarah Adam, who has been appointed our permanent Deputy Headteacher this week, having been acting in this role since September. Sarah has worked at Dorin Park for 21 years in various roles, is also our Safeguarding Lead and SENDCo, and knows our school inside and out.
- Your child's annual report will be issued in the first week after half term. This will be followed by virtual/telephone parents evening appointments, which your child's class teacher will arrange with you.
- Three videos now sit on the landing page of our website. One is a Lower School virtual tour; the other two are Upper and Lower School dance challenges. We do hope you like them.
- We have made some small changes to the school uniform expectations to reflect that we have an active curriculum with many pupils accessing sensory circuits, rebound therapy and frequent movement breaks. This will enable pupils to wear black trainers, jogging bottoms or leggings to school should they prefer these to formal school trousers, skirts and shoes. Updated expectations will be on the school website after half term.
- Please use Evidence for Learning (EFL) to share pictures/videos of your child's half-term break. I hope that you are enjoying seeing the learning your child is engaged in, but if you are not yet accessing EFL, please contact school and we will get you signed up. There's also an [Engagement Guide for Parents & Carers](#) which sits on our website under *Parents & Carers – Remote Education*.
- After half term we will send out a link for parents and carers to access to tell us all about your and your child's experiences of Dorin Park, what you think is good about our school and what you think needs to change.
- We will take delivery of our third school minibus after half term, which will support our efforts to return to as many community activities as guidance and time allows. This has been made possible by the kind donations and fundraising of our whole school community, including our fabulous PTA.
- Please continue to perform twice weekly lateral flow tests with your older children over the half term. They are just one part of keeping our school as safe as possible, but remain vital.

Thank you as ever for a wonderful half term in which we have started to return to some greatly missed learning opportunities, such as swimming and educational visits. We hope that you have the chance to enjoy the week's break, and that we are blessed with some sunshine.

We will be ready to welcome pupils back to school for our final half term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards,

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