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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is well. As I write this, I am looking out of my window and watching thick snow fall! I'm in 2 minds - I would like to see a big fall of snow again as I could see how much pleasure it put on peoples faces last Sunday - but then I don't want snow again as I know how disruptive it can be for families, on top of the disruption we already have! We shall see how this lot settles!

Just a few updates this week:

### **Live-Streaming**

Lots of positive feedback with last week's live sessions with teachers – thank you – and thank you for your patience with setting this up, particularly with our youngest children who probably needed a lot more support at home with accessing it. The links to the consent form are still live if you have not yet given your consent. Just to be clear, consent for each of your children only needs to be given once and they will be included each week. If you are experiencing difficulties with accessing the consent form, please email [distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com) Thanks to those of you too, who have not quite had a positive experience, for sharing your concerns with me. I hope this week will be much better.

### **Half term**

We have been informed that, as it stands, there is no childcare for essential workers over half term and schools will not be expected to provide this as it is a normal half term. Private childcare providers will continue to operate.

ABHB may have their own provision – this has happened in the past and the contact there is [Daniel.Madge@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Daniel.Madge@wales.nhs.uk)

### **INSET Day**

As previously communicated, we had a scheduled cluster INSET day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. This will obviously not be taking place. The INSET day will be moved to the summer term. Hub provision and home learning will continue as normal on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wellbeing**

We understand that this lockdown is very different, certainly a change in expectations for everyone and we all find ourselves juggling so much more this time. If families are struggling at home, in what ever way, we are here to help

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if we can. Please use the year group email to let us know and the class teacher will direct it to senior leadership who will make contact with you. We have been helping families where we can in many different ways – please do not struggle on alone.

A reminder that there are a number of wellbeing resources on the school's website:

<https://www.rogerstoneprimary.com/page/?title=Wellbeing+Support&pid=91>

Please look after yourselves and your families. It is probably one of the toughest times being a parent right now. You are doing a fantastic job juggling everything at home. We do not expect the usual daily routine of school life to be replicated at home. "Home" is a very important place and is a key part to our individual and collective family wellbeing. Please do what is right for your family and your home. I am asking my staff to do what I believe is right for our children, balancing that with the needs of their own families in their homes. We all need to stay safe and well, physically and emotionally.

Take care everyone.

Kind regards,



**Steve Rayer**  
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