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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. No doubt your child is looking forward to the half-term holiday as much as the staff are.

The term has been happy and successful, though it has had its challenges for us all as we adapt to 'the new normal' and, in some cases, simply returning to school with all its routines, procedures and high expectations.

Under the circumstances, I am really proud of all the pupils have achieved and I can only commend the staff for their care, guidance and planning to ensure that the pupils have enjoyed being back and have enjoyed the teaching and learning. Whole-school attendance has been fantastic with 96-97% being the daily figure, highlighting how well the pupils are. Attendance figures at clubs have also been excellent.

You will be aware from the DFE that from today (22/10/2020), remote teaching must be available to all pupils who need to self-isolate. I am pleased to say that this has in fact been the case here in St Richard's since September 10th. I am now sending you our revised Remote Teaching and Learning policy which was approved by the Governors in their October meeting. This states clearly what we will do for your child to support their remote learning when needed, and what your child is expected to do. This is available [here](#).

I am also sending you a copy of our Contingency Plan for any future lockdown or self-isolation by individuals or groups [here](#). I hope this provides you with assurances as parents/carers that the staff are well-prepared to ensure that a high standard of education and strong pastoral support are provided to your child if a future lockdown occurs. It is the last thing we want, but we are confident that we can deliver a good standard of education remotely. However, we do need your support. We will need you as parents/carers to monitor what your child is doing and insist that they complete the work well, away from the distractions of mobile phones, play stations and other social media influences.

At the start of next term, I will send you a revised Risk Assessment which will take account of changes we need to make to routines with the onset of winter.

I would urge you all to read through the attached documents and email any queries or concerns to pa@strichardscc.com. Additionally, if you have not done so already, please read Newsletter 2, published last Friday and available [here](#).

Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you too get the chance to relax over the half-term holiday. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday, 2nd November. School begins promptly at 8.40am, with Upper School pupils expected in their form rooms by 8.30am.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss D Cronin
Principal

