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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Headteacher Update**

As we come to the end of this most extraordinary first half term of 2021, I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their contribution towards ensuring that the remote learning provision on offer has been a success. The resilience and engagement with remote learning has been remarkable and I feel confident that these trying times will only improve our students' strength of character and determination in the future.

### **Parent Survey Feedback**

Thank you to those parents and carers that took the time to complete the online survey regarding remote learning. The responses were overwhelmingly positive; 95% of parents/carers stated that they were happy/very happy with our remote learning provision and the support we are providing. An overwhelming majority felt the amount of time expected of their child is about right.

On behalf of school staff, I would like to thank you for your positive and uplifting comments. I shared the comments with all our staff, please know, they really make a difference to everyone who reads them, knowing that they are making such a positive difference to your children's learning and wellbeing. Equally, we welcomed the suggestions and comments about what we could tweak in order to enhance the provision.

### **Remote learning changes**

In the light of feedback from the parents/carers survey, we have refined our approach to the provision of remote learning in the following areas for after half term:

#### **Homework**

We know from the survey responses that some parents really welcomed the continuation of a normal routine, including the setting of homework. However, we appreciate that some families felt it was an additional pressure under the current circumstances. Therefore, moving forward, rather than setting homework in line with the normal homework timetable, we will simply be providing an 'Optional Extended Tasks' booklet. This has a variety of activities for all subjects that students can pick and choose between as they wish. We hope that this change will strike the right balance by providing optional further learning opportunities. If your child would like to engage with additional activities to extend their learning, please follow this link:

<https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CHS-Optional-Extension-Activities-2021.pdf>

## **PE lessons**

As the new term begins we'd like to encourage families to use PE lesson time differently and to be active away from the screen. Moving forward, students will not be registered for their core PE lessons and are not expected to complete PE work on Google Classroom. Instead, we are encouraging students to use this time to get moving. This could be going for a walk, getting active in the garden, alternatively, there will be challenges set by the PE Department on Google Classroom for students to participate in if they wish.

## **And Finally,**

I look forward to updating you again soon, in the meantime, all that remains to say is have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to seeing our students again, albeit virtually, on Monday 22 February.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Cross". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

**Mrs J Cross**  
**Headteacher**