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The Polesworth School

ENSURING EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of this most unusual of half terms, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and understanding as we navigate our way through the constantly changing guidance, regulations and uncertainty of the wider societal issues. At every turn I have made what I considered to be the most beneficial and correct decisions for the school and wider community. While there has been no 'one size fits all' approach applied to schools by central government I know that any decision I take will be pleasing to some and frustrating to others. All I can tell you is that every decision carries with it the best interests of students, staff and the wider community. As we progress through the year we will closely monitor the impact of absence/isolation on year group bubbles and adapt our approach accordingly whilst still following guidance from both the Department for Education and Public Health England.

I want to recognise, congratulate and thank all Polesworth students for the way in which they have responded and adapted to the current operational structures. They have demonstrated maturity, resilience and patience in adapting to the 'bubbles', staggered lunches, maintaining social distancing from staff, being grouped in buildings and year group social spaces. Thank you for working with us.

Our new behavioural and restorative practice approaches are beginning to embed and students are showing a greater awareness of our three rules of "Ready, Respectful and Responsible". Strong relationships underpin a great school and our revised systems serve to strengthen further the excellent working relationships that already exist between staff and students at our school.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting central government guidance in relation to the 2021 public examination series. With this in mind I would encourage all students in those year groups due to sit public examinations in the summer to participate fully in lessons, complete all coursework and homework to the best of their ability and in a timely manner and to prepare fully for all pre-public examinations. As soon as we receive any information relating to summer 2021 examinations I will ensure that it is communicated to you as promptly as possible.

I wish you all a peaceful half term break. Please take care and I look forward to seeing students upon their return on Monday 2nd November 2020.

With very best wishes,

Maura Favell
Headteacher