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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term back in school I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support.

The vast majority of children have settled back to school incredibly well and are learning happily and positively. I would like to extend a thanks to all the staff in school who have responded to all the new arrangements with such a caring attitude and the way in which they have nurtured the children in these difficult times.

Of course as the number of Covid infections continue to rise we are far from through this. Indeed, I think as the winter sets in it will become harder for everyone. We often have to respond to new directives very quickly and I thank you for your understanding in getting pupils tested or needing to isolate. We aim to communicate to you as clearly as possible about any new procedures and are always happy to reassure or answer your questions. Our decisions are always taken directly from the guidance issued to school that we have to follow.

I must now ask you to work even harder to contain the virus outside of school. We have become increasingly concerned about the mixing of households in the park and ask that you do try to stay distanced at all times from those you do not live with. Similarly, over the half term break please follow the 'Tier 2' guidelines for high level restrictions and do not mix households indoors unless you are in one of the defined exception groups. In this way we can all return safely to school after half term and keep all risks as well managed as possible.

Parents and carers should still inform us of children who receive a positive test result, or if they have been advised to self-isolate as a close contact, as the self-isolation period for those individuals will continue after the half-term break. The usual contact tracing for social contacts will still apply and this is outside of the school's remit. Please do so using the usual contact email (talktoschool@monkwickinfant.school) Dojo or tapestry.



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I am pleased that so many of you have got signed up to our new parent interview system. I hope the technology works, and we look forward to talking to you all remotely about the progress your child is making in the week beginning November 2nd.

Today the school is full of spooky fun, I can hear the children laughing together and we hold onto this joy!

Have a safe and happy half term, we return to school on Tuesday the 3rd of November.

Mrs C.Holmes