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Dear Ellingham Families,

I hope you all had a fun and relaxing half-term break.

As you are aware, the country is heading into lockdown again although, this time, school will be open to all children. We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back tomorrow. Please bring your child into school in the usual way at your allocated gate.

Having experienced how readily and happily children embraced the return to school in September, we know how positive it is for them to continue with education and experience the normality of school. We have a clear understanding of the impact that not being in school has on our children and on you if you are trying to balance teaching your children with working from home and sharing technology. Since September, we have had additional teachers and morning intervention sessions to support classes and children in order to accelerate progress and close the gaps and delay that became evident.

If your child is ill or self-isolating, please let the office know before 9 am, giving a clear reason for their absence. If your child is well, please bring your children to school so that they can access the great teaching and support we have in place.

School will operate as usual and our Parent and Carers' Meetings will go ahead remotely as planned. Please ensure that you book a space as soon as possible. It is really important that we have the opportunity to talk through how children are getting on and how you can support them in their learning. They run **tomorrow and Thursday or Wednesday for 3W, 5B and 6B**. To log in and book an appointment please browse to <https://ellingham.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

It is sad and worrying that we are in lockdown again but I want to emphasise that the safety of Ellingham staff, children and families is always uppermost in our minds. In the final newsletter before the break ([link](#)), we detailed the measures in place to reduce the risk of Covid and we have reviewed these and put further measures in place now we are in lockdown and beyond.

- Staff will wear masks in the corridors to move around the school
- We have reduced the number of staff in each space as far as is possible
- We request that masks are worn by parents and carers while lining up outside of school to collect and drop your children, as well as inside of the school.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs L Keogh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'K'.

Mrs L Keogh
Headteacher