

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are three weeks into the second half of the Spring Term and three weeks until the Easter Holiday begins. Just to remind you we break up on Friday 1st April and return Tuesday 19th April. And it's this the first day of the summer term Tuesday 19th April, that the school will again be closing at 3pm everyday.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been interviewing candidates who potentially could be appointed at Forest Approach as teachers or support staff. We've had a good number of applications and some interviews have taken place. Just a few appointments though have been made to date, as the standard to be successful at an interview is high, so our recruitment drive continues!

Now that the restrictions enforced by the recent pandemic have been lifted, it's great to be able to be more free in school. Our learners now, who have had to have their lunches in class are being reintroduced to the dining hall in a phased manner. The ability to move around the building more frequently and be able to dine in more suitable surroundings with a wider group of friends, allows for the development of independence and social skills.

With the removal of the Covid 19 restrictions, I would hope that all learners are feeling more confident now about attending school. This week the school's attendance stands at 90.4%. It was just 85% last December, so this is a really healthy improvement. In the second half of this Spring term it would be excellent to see this percentage hit our target of 92%. It's while students are in school that they become more social, develop independence, give best effort to activities and learn.

We have had one or two cases of chickenpox in school, so to get advice if you suspect your child has caught it, you can try here. - [Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

And finally, we continue to live in times that our learners may find upsetting. This website may help you to help your children feel a little less upset about the news from Ukraine.

[Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

Have a good weekend and best wishes to you all,

Yours faithfully

Geoff Hadlow - Interim Head Teacher