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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look toward the end of the school term tomorrow, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the school's Track and Trace arrangements for next week, as well as providing you with some information regarding the start of Term 4 (beginning Monday 22nd February). Finally, we also outline how children can access fun, crafty activities from Mrs Griffiths on their Google Classroom/Tapestry portals next week.

In this letter, we inform you of how you can contact the school following Friday 12th February should you need to for the purpose of Track and Trace, and also outline our school opening hours in Term 4. Firstly, as before the Christmas break, the Government has, once again, set out how it expects schools to support the Track and Trace system after the end of term for pupils on Thursday 11th February. As a result, if, following the end of term on Thursday 11th February, your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 (and has attended our on-site provision), and subsequently tests positive, please contact the school office on barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education. This email address will be monitored between 9am and 10am for six days after the end of term (up to and including Wednesday 17th February) in order to help support the Track and Trace team in finding contacts and reducing the spread of the virus.

In addition, we remind all families that Term 4 commences, as normal, on Monday 22nd February. Children can expect their 3 video lesson inputs, their class check-ins and support seminar sessions as before. We hope that Wellbeing Week this week has given the children the opportunity to rest somewhat ahead of us restarting our full programme of Core schooling from Monday 22nd. As with this term, for those accessing our on-site provision, we will continue to close our school site at 12.00pm and 12.15pm (for our EY/KS1 and KS2 bubbles respectively) next term in order to allow for thorough deep-cleaning of the school premises. Initially, we plan to close at these times on Friday 26th February and Friday 5th March before we hear further information about the planned full reopening of schools from Monday 8th March.

Finally, as mentioned above, children will be able to access 5 days of crafts from Mrs G on their Google Classroom and Tapestry portals next week should they like to get creative over the half-term holidays. Please use your normal log-in credentials to access these fun, crafts-based holiday activities.

We wish you all a safe and restful break, and thank you for your support and kindness this term.

Yours sincerely,

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