

# COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the half term break we would like to thank you for your continued support and celebrate with you the many achievements of our excellent students as they have accessed live lessons remotely. Attendance has continued to be high for the majority of students and they have adapted very quickly to the remote learning procedures.

The Department for Education has communicated that the half term break will proceed as planned and we will therefore be closed from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The government has stated that schools should continue to be closed to children, with the exception of those classed as vulnerable or children of critical workers who will continue to attend as part of current arrangements, until at least Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our current provision of remote learning for the majority of our students will therefore begin again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February after the half term break. May we remind you that all students are expected to engage in the learning that is set for them and that while at home they should follow their timetable. Further guidance for parents/carers on how your child can access their work and how to structure and support your child's home learning is available on the Home Learning portal via the website.

We will contact you as soon as possible following any government announcements regarding re-opening schools. Until that time, we will continue to focus on providing excellent online learning for all of our students.

We recently surveyed our students to gather their views on remote learning. We were delighted that the majority of students said that they found it easy to access live lessons and resources on Frog. Students stated that following their timetable of live lessons helped to keep them organised whilst improving their learning and staying in touch with staff.

The safety and wellbeing of our students remains our key priority and we remind you that if you have any specific queries or concerns about your child please contact either their Director of Year or Head of Year using the contact details below.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with remote learning during this unprecedented time and despite the challenges of lockdown, we hope that our students are able to find some time over the half term break to reduce their screen time and take time to relax and recharge ready for their return to learning.

Yours sincerely,

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