



17th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Following the letter from Mr. Horne yesterday I am writing to update you from a Primary perspective regarding the implications for you and your children.

I am reassured that the extension of Distance Learning is necessary and puts the safety of us all first. Indeed, the authorities have increased efforts to accelerate the roll out of the vaccination programme. School staff will be able to receive the vaccination at school in the coming days which is very good news for enabling our school to return to normal in the very near future.

In the meantime, our teachers are committed to providing a high quality, rich experience for all students every day. All the planned activities for this half term will go ahead including:

- International Day on the 4th of February
- Launch of the online version of the BISAD Diploma. A new app called Qridi will enable students and parents to have easy access from their mobile devices.
- BISAD's Got Talent
- Ways to Wellbeing (see below)
- Theme days and topics for each year group. See weekly newsletters from your class teacher.

Bearing in mind normal contact has been harder this term, the Primary Parents' Consultations will be brought forward this term to Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd February. These meetings will continue to be online which proved to be very effective last term. Booking arrangements will be communicated via your class teacher.

I would encourage you to look at the Ways to Wellbeing offer as this can be a great source of ideas and support to help students get off screens and get engaged with other activities to promote well-being of the body and mind. The current letter can be found in the following link and you can look forward to receiving the next installment later this week.

[Ways to Wellbeing](#)

Please continue to ensure your child is online on time and have what they need to hand to access the learning. Please also discuss lessons with your child so that they keep up to date with every piece of work. We all need to work together to maximise the learning opportunities to secure the best possible outcomes for your children.

One other thing to keep an eye out for... in addition to BISAD'S Got Talent, this term we will also be introducing BISAD'S Parents Got Talent! More news on this coming soon...

The staff at school are very grateful for all the support from parents. Please be assured that everyone at BISAD continues to do their very best to keep your children happy, safe and moving forward in their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Cocker

Head of Primary