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Dear

I thought that I would write to you as the first half of this autumn term comes to an close.

I would like to thank those of you who have supported your children by sending them into school, because I am sure that you will agree that their education in these troubled times is more important than it has ever been. Whilst I appreciate the messages we receive from the media are mixed, and sometimes it is very difficult to determine what we are expected to do, I would ask that you keep sending your children in unless I write to you to tell you otherwise. If we are required to return to the 'lock down' that we all experienced in March 2020 we will do our very best to remain open because I believe that all of the children we work with are vulnerable. Obviously children showing symptoms, or whose family have symptoms of Covid 19, will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test has been obtained for the whole family. Those children will be provided with work to complete at home so that there is as little disruption to their education as possible.

You may be aware that there is a great deal of talk about a two week half term, and that some politicians are calling a 'reset' for the country. At the moment I am being told that it is 'business as usual' and we will break for the half term on Friday 23 October at **1 pm** and will open on Monday 2 November 2020. Should this change I will of course let you know. **Please note the earlier closing time of 1 pm on Friday 23 October.**

On a more positive note I am delighted to inform you that the Links Multi Academy Trust has now become the country's first alternative provision that has been awarded the Character School kite mark. Currently there are only 11 schools in the country who have this award. This would not have been possible without the hard work of the students and staff, many of who were spoken to by the Assessors.



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We are also due to commence a new partnership between ourselves and St Albans City Football Club that has resulted in coaches from the football team coming in to work with our young people during the week. We hope that this is the start of many exciting initiatives.

Yours sincerely

David Allen
Headteacher



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