

7th October 2021

Dear families,

As we come towards the end of a long half term I am sure you will all be looking forward to a break with your children. They have all worked very hard during this period and we are very proud of what they have achieved. After the holidays we will be sending out reports following our assessment tests so that you have information on how your child is doing academically.

We have recently seen increasing numbers of our children being taken on extended holidays abroad. Every day in school is vital and every minute really does count in their education. Having missed chunks of education over the last two years we have a lot of work to do, together with yourselves, to make sure that your child receives the teaching and interventions needed to obtain the best outcomes they can.

Whilst we do realise that a lot of you have not seen your families abroad for some time, please keep all travel within the school holidays. When you sign the home-school agreement as your child starts at Dixons Marchbank, you do sign to say you will not take your child on holiday during term time. It is Dixons policy to refer all absences to the local authority who are very likely to fine you for taking your child out of school. Absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

It is also very important to notify us of any planned holidays you are thinking of taking. When we cannot locate a child and see them, it becomes a safeguarding matter as we do not know whether the pupil is safe or not. This may result in us taking advice from Children's Social Care in Bradford.

Our Parent Involvement Officer, Mrs Sameera Khan, is always available to speak to you about any questions or concerns you may have and you can contact her by emailing or telephone (contact details above).

Yours sincerely,



Helen Haunch
Principal

