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Dear All,

Another crazy week draws to a close, nearly...

As well as pre public exams taking place in secondary school, this week it was the turn of Rydon to step and front and centre and receive a visit from Ofsted. Once again, the two HMLs deployed were professional and interested in the work taking place in Rydon, the processes and steps taken to ensure children have been able to return to school, and the issues which arise on a daily basis.

An issue which might yet arise is an extended 'circuit breaking' half-term. If this happens, it is likely that it will occur after our scheduled one week break. Remote learning would be the order of the day, even for those without devices (?) and your Heads this week have once again surveyed parents/carers and children to see where the need is greatest.

The weather looks set fair (dry anyway) so I hope you get the chance to spend some time with family and friends and step away from the world of work and enjoy a proper break this weekend.

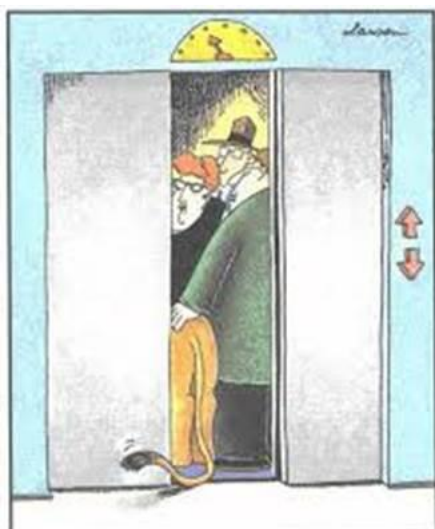
The work that you are doing in schools, in whatever role, to ensure children continue to have an education continues to have a positive impact. Overall ESW attendance remains in line with average for the country at 90% and although a small minority don't always show appreciation, remember that the majority of our children continue to be pleased to be in school, even if they are running out of steam. Thank you for everything. Keep going, keep taking those deep breaths, keep supporting your colleagues and keep smiling.

Best wishes,



Matthew

Chief Executive Officer



"Don't be alarmed, folks. ... He's completely harmless unless something startles him."

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