



Wednesday 1st April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you in these very exceptional times. Myself and all of the staff sincerely hope that you are all managing to make the most of the time spent together and that the learning opportunities we are providing for the children are proving useful and engaging in the short term. The staff are working very hard to ensure that learning is valuable and long lasting.

Childcare for key worker children

I wanted to repeat the statement released last week regarding key worker child care: we are now providing a child care “hub” at one of our schools in Magna Learning Partnership. If you completed a childcare survey, you will have received a letter from us to inform you that if you are a critical worker and your child is not able to stay at home safely, you will be eligible for childcare. If you have not received a letter and believe you are eligible, please contact Lynne Carley at lcarley@magnalearningpartnership.or.uk

We are currently working on the provision for key workers and vulnerable families for the Easter holidays. I will be sending information about this out by the end of the week.

Home learning

On the subject of home learning, we are looking to embrace a new online learning platform that will make distance learning more of a two-way process, in that teachers will be able to interact more with children’s educational activities. As soon as I have more information, I will be in touch with you all.

End of term reports

I am making arrangements to get end of term reports to you all; please bear with me as obviously this can’t happen in the usual way. When you do receive the reports, you will notice that there is no attendance data. This is because we would not have an up to date and consistent record of attendance due to the on-going situation. When looking at the teacher judgements of attainment and effort, please note that these judgements are provisional and we intend to internally moderate these teacher judgements during the Summer Term.

Photos please!

We are also keen to enjoy the success of our forest school suggested activities. If you have any photos of your children taking part in any forest school activities, please share these on the school Facebook page (Bemerton St John Primary School).





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Goodbye to Mrs Butcher

It is very strange to be saying goodbye to Mrs Butcher, who has finished her time with us teaching Robins. Normally the children would have the opportunity to say goodbye in collective worship but we have to do this virtually at the moment. I would like to thank Mrs Butcher for all her hard work with the Robins class and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Howell will be returning after Easter and will be setting the work online for the children.

Good luck to Mrs Pearce

On Friday Mrs Pearce will be going on her maternity leave. Again, we would normally say goodbye and good luck in collective worship but for now we have to make do with a virtual send-off. We wish Mrs Pearce and Mr Pearce all the best and look forward to seeing baby Pearce soon! Miss Reeves and Mrs Highmore will be setting the work for Kingfishers, and Mrs Lawrence will be stepping up into the Deputy Head role while Mrs Pearce is away.

I hope you all have a safe and healthy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richards

Headteacher

