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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Life in school seems to be running smoothly so far and we are pleased that the children seem to have settled happily into their routines.

As a staff, we continue to look for creative ways to engage the pupils in their learning and make the most of our wonderful environment. We are, however, aware of the fact that, due to the current restrictions, some of the fun activities and interactions involving the school community have been put on 'hold' for the time-being. We continue to explore possibilities and listen to your suggestions whilst following government guidance.

After half-term, we plan to resume Celebration assemblies to acknowledge and share the achievements of the pupils. To do this, children will remain in their bubbles and Zoom will be used to bring the classes together. Pupils will play an active part and Barrow's Hearts and Stars will continue to reward their accomplishments.

Where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home, we are able to offer remote education that follows – as much as possible – our school curriculum and allows for interaction between the pupils and their teachers. Please ensure that you have returned Barrow 1618's agreement form for Remote Learning and Acceptable Use. A few are still outstanding.

The school garden, which was a little unkempt – to say the least – following lockdown and the summer holiday has been restored, thanks to the hard work and gardening skills of Nikki Swankie, and is now looking wonderful, ready for the children to work in and enjoy.

We are in the process of making plans for some of the spaces outside, including the outdoor classroom and will keep you informed. Equally, if you have any ideas, please share them.

Our Test and Trace QR code is being used successfully and so far the school has no positive cases of COVID-19 to report. With the sharp increase in cases both nationally and locally, we must remain vigilant and ensure social distancing between adults, especially during drop-off and collection times. Some adjustments will be communicated to parents/carers before the end of this half-term so that arrangements are more manageable for everyone.

Can I remind everyone that any requests for packed lunches from our kitchen should be **emailed** to the school office before the Friday of the previous week. This facility is not available via SQuid.

Booking arrangements for Breakfast Club and after-school care for the next half term will be sent out later this week. Children receiving after-school care should be picked up from the door of the school hall. Please contact us to discuss any issues or difficulties you may have.

In a previous newsletter, I asked for parents/carers with skills and interests, who would be willing to share them at school, to let us know. We are still hoping to find a skilled photographer who could help in the development of the school website. Please contact the office if you think you could help.

Thanks to those of you who have donated indoor and outdoor games. They continue to be gratefully received.

Finally, best wishes to all of our Barrow family; have a good week and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)