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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly disappointed that the new school term has started with not being able to open the school fully. We would love nothing more than to see all of our pupils in school. Whatever the inconvenience these new restrictions cause, the safety of our pupils, their families and loved ones must remain paramount.

I have been so impressed (as ever) by the staff team at Barby who have shown great resilience, adaptability and determination in adapting their plans at such short notice and moving to remote learning so effectively; and by our families who have supported us in this transition and adapted to remote learning so well. Thank you all for this.

We are under no illusion that home learning is easy; it is however vital that your child accesses the work provided by their teachers to the best of their ability. Last year's lockdown showed clearly that many children did not sustain their progress over the lockdown period. We will do our very best to provide the support that you need at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support, we are all here to help.

### **Teaching and learning**

To ensure a broad and balanced provision of the curriculum is provided for every child, teachers are planning timetables setting out the learning for your children. These timetables will be distributed on a Monday morning via Class Dojo. Whether learning in school or at home, our timetable offering is the same for all pupils. Please do ensure that your child is accessing the learning set for them.

Daily 'Live' lessons are commencing throughout the school. Teaching, using technology in this way is new to all of us; thank you for being patient and understanding as we develop and hone our provision. Lessons will be monitored, content reviewed and evaluated as necessary to ensure that pupils receive a positive learning experience whether at home or in school.

Workbooks have been provided for all pupils to record their school work inside (please collect yours if you haven't already done so). Please photograph your child's work and upload it to Class Dojo. Each class will explain their routine of providing feedback on your child's efforts. Teachers will always be delighted to see work of which children are particularly proud or pleased with and will respond when available.

If you have a query or concern, please make sure contact is made with the class teacher either via Class Dojo or by emailing the office; [admin@barby.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barby.northants.sch.uk). All of our staff are leading teaching and learning throughout the day; please be understanding that we will respond to you as soon as we are able to do so.

### **Critical workers and targeted pupils**



Schools have been closed to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19. As you will be aware, cases of Covid-19 are still rising and people are advised to stay at home wherever possible. In order to fulfil our role in limiting the spread of transmission, we will allocate places in our school provision to pupils who may be targeted for particular needs and to children whose parents wholly meet the Government Critical Worker criteria which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We consider each application carefully against the Critical Worker definitions provided in the government guidance, allocating place only to those pupils whose parents:

- wholly fulfil the Government Guidance on Critical Workers;
- are Critical Workers who cannot safely look after their children at home.

Administering these criteria thoroughly and fairly may mean that we decline places to some pupils.

It is important that families who are eligible for this provision only make use of it when there is no other alternative and only for the sessions when they are undertaking Critical Work.

We are being actively told to stay at home and doing so is the best way to keep ourselves, our school community and our loved ones safe.

### **Feeling unwell**

In the event of any child feeling unwell whilst at school, we will now treat any incident of reported illness as a potential COVID case. We are now aware that a broad range of symptoms including a headache and feeling sick can be indicative of infection.

All children feeling poorly will need to be collected from school immediately. Some schools have reported that children not showing the classic symptoms have been denied access to a COVID test. Therefore, if a child feels unwell in school, they will be sent home with a test pack. Once a negative test result is received children will be admitted back into school.

Taking these measures enable us to keep our bubbles open and support our Critical Workers in attending their workplaces. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Saying Hello!**

Next week, our staff team will begin calling families who are undertaking remote learning to say hello, check that everything is ok and see if we can provide any further support. We believe that it is important for our children to maintain contact with their teachers during periods of school closure so, if both you and your child are willing, teachers will have a quick chat with your child too.

We will call on a weekly basis, please do share any support needs that you have as well as things that are going well with us. We are always here to help.

### **An active calendar**

Being at home gives us lots of new challenges, but no matter where we are, it is always important we keep fit and healthy (and have fun doing it!). Attached is a link to the Get Set 4 PE website that encourages to be active and sets challenges for children and their families. Why not try and have an active January?



<https://www.getset4pe.co.uk/ResourceBank/ResourceCategory/1002>

Please provide of us with any feedback of any activities that you participate in. Remember these activities are for individuals and families. All 'social distancing' guidelines must be adhered to.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything mentioned within this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Sally Beaton  
Headteacher

