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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Home Learning

Thank you to you all for your support and feedback in the transition to Home Learning over the past week. We know that this is a huge responsibility for you; presenting a challenge to those of you who juggle your work with supporting home learning or move between different timetables for different children across the day. We fully understand these challenges and, whilst we would love all of our children to access all aspects of the learning opportunities that we offer, we are realistic about the pressures and challenges that this may present.

Please know that we are here to offer support should you need it. If your child is having a difficult day or if the pressures of work are too great, please do what you can whilst remembering that above all we want our pupils and families to remain safe and happy. If you or your child is finding it hard or stressful please stop. At a time when nothing is 'normal' for our children and when change happens rapidly; their emotional health and wellbeing is, above all, our priority.

I hope that you have found our 'timetable' of home learning supportive and that you will find an appropriate mix of live, remote and individual learning tasks. Our aim is to provide learning to continue the development of the 'whole child' through the provision of core learning in Maths and English as well as a range of tasks allowing for physical activity, creative tasks, emotional wellbeing and reflection time.

We have initially focused on developing our offering for the whole class, moving forward, we will begin to offer learning to support children's individual needs where appropriate.

I would like to thank Barby's staff team for working so hard to develop their remote learning provision. We are relatively new to this and are still developing our approaches and fine tuning what we do. The staff team have been flexible, adaptable and responsive; I am grateful for what they do.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have a query or require further support. Whilst they may not be able to respond immediately, they will be in touch as soon as they can. Please also remember that we understand the challenges that this situation presents to many families; be kind to yourselves and celebrate the successes. We do not expect every piece of work to be completed every single day.

Home Learning Resources

We have prepared some resource packs to support home learning and enable our children to fully participate in live lessons. These incorporate a whiteboard and whiteboard pen, a zip wallet for reading book exchanges and an exercise book to record home learning in. We will notify you of when these are ready for collection from school next week.

Reading materials



We are currently signing up to Collins Big Cat E-books; once this is established children will be able to access online reading of Collins Big Cat Books. Again teachers will be in touch shortly with information and log-in details. This resource targets primarily our Reception and KS1 children.

Teachers of KS2 classes will begin preparing packs of reading books for our older children to read at home. These will contain 2 books which can be used to support your week's reading at home.

Each child will be provided with a plastic zip wallet which can be collected from school once prepared.

Books can be exchanged once per week. Your child's class teacher will notify you when the Reading packs are ready.

Laptops and tablets

With so much of our remote and live learning needing a laptop or iPad for access, we would like to make a plea for any creative suggestions of how to secure further laptops, iPads or tablets for our pupils.

Any donations of working devices that can connect to the internet would be so gratefully received. Just one device could make a massive difference to a child's educational experience. Please make contact the school office if you or grandparents or extended family members have any old devices that could be repurposed to support a child's learning.

Mrs Morris

As you know, Mrs Morris is leaving us today. Today, we held a special assembly in school for her and presented her with a book containing the thoughts and kind wishes that you and our children have sent in to us.

We will all miss Mrs Morris's very special brand of care for our school and its families but wish her happiness and success in her new role.

Good luck Mrs Morris and thank you, from all of your Barby family.

And finally...

We are all missing seeing our families and all of our children coming into school each day. Please do let your children know that even though we can't be with them in person, we are thinking of them and looking forward to welcoming them back to school soon. Please tell them how well they are doing with their home learning and that we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about any aspect of this newsletter. We are always here to support.

Take care and please keep safe.

With kind regards,

Sally Beaton

Headteacher

