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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to those of you who took part in our remote learning survey. Your responses were overwhelmingly positive; a link to the summary has been provided and this will feature on our website. As a result of the survey, a number of parents/carers were keen for more face-to-face contact and live lessons. We agree that having regular face-to-face contact with the children is crucial. Further opportunities to deliver live sessions are now being explored and provided. We will continue to deliver a mixed approach to remote learning which is important for effective teaching, feedback and pupil engagement; this approach is supported by Ofsted. Parents/carers were happy with the school's use of Seesaw as a platform from which to deliver lessons and share work, alongside Zoom.

Link to survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?id=2s8TOK9SpUy44yMVeXcKuhMwfaLXqtJKsSoTT9Jh54VUMzRSV1VGM1JYVvk5GTFNMVjdIUe44QVBXOCQIQCN0PWcu&AnalyzerToken=tgBLtgSMEJg5yE6lYzy87gilhVgRrnFw>

When taking part in live Zoom sessions, I refer to our e-safety, acceptable use and remote learning policies. During these sessions, it is important that the parent/carer is nearby to support engagement and behaviour. The chat function should only be used under the direction of the teacher and not for peer-to-peer interaction during the session unless required as part of it. Pupils should be fully dressed in a communal area of the house, with the video function turned on, at least for part of the lesson or when required. Some sessions may be recorded and the pupils will be told if this is the case. Recorded sessions may be uploaded to Seesaw, particularly where attendance in a live session has been poor.

This week, pupils and staff will be asked to take part in a remote learning survey – the results of which will be shared with you after half-term.

Sadly, after half-term, Miss Daciuk, who has been a valued member of staff and has undertaken many roles, will leave us for health reasons. We will be so sorry to see her go and I know that leaving us will also be very difficult for her as, over the years, she has formed deep bonds with Barrow 1618 school and has collected many happy memories. On behalf of the whole community, our gratitude and well-wishes go with her.

The school will be closed for the half-term holiday next week. Please note that on Monday 22nd February (PD Day) school will be closed to pupils (home-learning will not take place on this day) and those currently attending will return from Tuesday 23rd February.

The rest of the staff and I hope that you have an enjoyable half-term and a very well-deserved break from home-learning!

Thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)