



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you managed to enjoy the sunshine last week. My garden definitely appreciated the rain this week! Fingers crossed that the glimmer of sunshine we are seeing during the rain will soon arrive once again.

In a strange kind of way, this week feels slightly more settled as we find our new normal, for now. I know that we are all following the news carefully to find and when we will start to open once again. The children, both in school and from what I hear at home, through emails and talking to parents, are enjoying accessing the online learning which we are continuing to develop. We are providing a range of opportunities to learn through setting tasks and signposting to further learning. Please do keep checking the websites and the weekly curriculum newsletter for further details. We do appreciate how difficult it is for many families to use a computer or the need to take turns using it. We are seeing and hearing about wonderful examples of other types of learning and times spent with your family. We love hearing about all the art projects, bake offs, dancing, cycling etc. that is going on. Amongst all the challenges we are all facing, it feels as though children are learning in so many different ways.

Transition

Normally at this stage in the year, we would be doing a significant amount of work to prepare the pupils for the next stage of their educational journey. For the **Year 6** children this is an especially difficult time and although I am unable to tell you when they can visit their new school or how they will meet their new teachers, I can assure you that we are working with the feeder schools to share information with them. We will ensure that all the important knowledge we have about the children will be shared appropriately.

In the same way we are communicating with our feeder pre-schools about the new **reception** children who will join us in September. We have already set up email accounts for parents of these children to ask any questions in this difficult circumstance.

For all other year groups, I am finalising the staffing for next year and I hope to be able to share this with you soon. I appreciate that you may have concerns about the next academic year, given



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that school ended in March. Please feel reassured that all children are in the same situation. We know what learning we covered in school and had recent assessments which we will use to plan future learning. When we are advised how and when we will return to school, we will plan for how we can support the transition from one year group to the next. Our priority is your children, their health, well-being and future education.

I will do my very best for the children, families and staff of the school to ensure a safe, happy place for children to learn, as soon as we are allowed to.

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support, positivity and kindness. Take care and stay safe.

Laura Bennett
Head teacher



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