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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Covid-19 Update and Pupil's Learning

As we continue into the New Year it will be inevitable that we will be impacted on by positive cases within our school community. Please be reassured that the measures that we have already successfully implemented will continue into the New Year to reduce this risk. Impressively our pupils are coping extremely well with the restrictions we currently have in place. They are all rising to this challenge and are not only completely at home in the school but working hard enjoying their learning.

To ensure that your child's learning continues to thrive in the event that they may have to self-isolate we have implemented our Remote Education based on the Government Guidelines under the [Temporary Continuity Direction](#):-

In developing our School's Remote Education, we are expected to:

- teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject
- use a curriculum sequence that allows access to high-quality online and offline resources and teaching videos and that is linked to the school's curriculum expectations
- give access to high quality remote education resources
- select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback and make sure staff are trained in their use
- provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for pupils who do not have suitable online access
- recognise that younger pupils and some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support and so schools should work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum - for pupils with SEND, their teachers are best placed to know how to meet their needs

When teaching pupils remotely, we are expected to:

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- **set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum for Primary aged children this is 3 hours a day across the whole school**



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- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

In order for us to ensure that the above is adhered to, there will be the expectation from January that any pupil who is absent due to having to self-isolate under the COVID rules or who has been tested positive and is well enough to participate that they will need to join at least the Maths and Literacy lessons each day.

Your support in your child's education is as always greatly appreciated – as parents/carers you make all the difference to your child's resilience to their learning. Please do not hesitate to contact us either by email: school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk or telephone: 01202 590703 if you require any support yourselves – we are here to help during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



Laura Bennett
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