



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION

We are constantly reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure that we are adding as many protective measures as possible in order to keep everyone safe during the lockdown. Following government guidance we are now carrying out twice weekly COVID tests for all staff members which and are awaiting further government guidance regarding pupil testing in primary schools.

As we near the end of the fifth week of pupils working remotely, I would like to congratulate, yet again, both parents and pupils on the positive way in which they have embraced the new way of working with the online lessons. I would also like to thank parents for your further feedback regarding the educational offer. It has been wonderful to receive so many emails into school and we also really appreciate the time that you have taken to complete the second online feedback survey that was sent out last Monday.

We have taken on board the feedback and there are some points that I would like to update you on following some questions and points raised in the online feedback;

- Teachers will ensure that work set in the afternoon is accessible for those pupils who struggle to read.
- We are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that all learning platforms work efficiently. Where this is not the case, please can you email the school office to bring this matter to our attention. If you struggling to navigate Purple Mash, please contact the school office who will arrange for a tutorial with our computing lead, Mr Longland.
- We review the blended learning offer on a week by week basis and hope to offer a package that suits the majority of families.
- The Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 timetables are on the school website under 'Remote Learning' to support parents with the timings.
- Each afternoon your child will be set a task on Purple Mash/See-saw and receive simple instructions for accessing any necessary resources. These tasks must be completed by the end of the day in order for teachers to plan their next lessons. There is no expectation that they must stick to the allocated times, just the day. Hopefully this will give you further flexibility during the day.
- Teachers will endeavour to post links to video clips and stories used during lessons.



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- We will aim to record the input to lessons and send these out as required for pupils who may have missed learning that day.
- We have just updated the remote learning website with a wealth of links to order free Beano magazines and access online reading materials. We are also starting to send home reading books. EYFS are able to collect flashcards and reading books from the office.
- Each year group sends one zoom link for the whole week. Where there is a job share, the two teachers send out a link each. Mrs Wall and I also send a link for your story time every two weeks. Due to safeguarding, we are unable to keep the sessions open through the day.
- Thank you to Josh in Year 5 for sharing his 'concentration' station which helps him to separate his school and home life!



We are due to receive some free BT Wi-Fi vouchers, which we can distribute to families struggling with internet connection. We will have a limited supply and they will be issued on a first come first served basis. Further details will be emailed next week.

We would like to take this opportunity to say WELL DONE! You are surviving a pandemic. Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing a great job! We know our pupils are safe, loved and cared for and that is the most important thing at the moment. We know that we have high expectations to ensure that all pupils receive the very best educational offer despite lockdown. All we ask is that you do your best to support your child. We do not wish to add any extra pressure on you when you are trying to hold down jobs, earn a living and keep your child safe. Everyone's circumstances are very different and we appreciate this.

Finally, we may be 'closed' to a large number of pupils but we are still here emotionally for all of our families. If you require any further support, including a virtual cuppa, a cry, just a different adult to talk to then we are here. [Parent-Letter-Wellbeing-1.pdf \(bearwood.poole.sch.uk\)](https://bearwood.poole.sch.uk/parent-letter-wellbeing-1.pdf)

Take care, stay safe and remember we think you are doing an amazing job.

Kind regards,

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