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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a good weekend. Unfortunately, the weather seems to have taken a turn for the worse after the glorious sunshine we have enjoyed recently.

Today we began to welcome back children in our Nursery (FS1) and Reception (FS2) years. Over the next couple of weeks, children in Year 1 and Year 6 will return to school. This will continue to take place in phases.

We will be contact with these year groups shortly to inform parents of the days children will be invited to attend school, along with the start/finish times.

Important Home Learning Update

We will be continuing to update our school website (www.barmbymoorschool.com) with weekly maths and literacy home learning activities.

The school has had some very positive feedback about the approach we have taken in terms of home learning. The work our teachers have provided is intended to be approached with an element of choice for both parents and children. We feel we have got the balance right and many schools within the local area are following a similar approach to home learning.

We have not taken the route of online lessons and this is not something we plan on starting in the near future. Government, Local Authority and Union advice has been that online classes or pre-recorded lessons are neither expected nor recommended – for many reasons – including the wellbeing of staff and the safeguarding of the school community.

I understand that some parents would prefer less choice and greater structure. If this is the case, I would suggest BBC Bitesize Daily or the Government recommended site Oak National Academy. The links are as follows:

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons
- www.thenational.academy/onlineclassroom

Both, particularly Oak National Academy, offer daily recorded lessons by teachers that children can access at home. These include lessons linked with reading, writing, maths, science, history and geography.

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We will also be launching the following over the next two weeks:

- We are offering a printed learning pack for children to complete at home. This is different to the weekly home learning activities on our school website. The pack contains maths, writing and grammar activities. If you would like a pack providing, please e-mail learningpack@barmbymoorschool.co.uk stating your child's name and their class. We will then print and deliver a pack to your home.
- Teachers will be recording weekly videos to go with the home learning activity uploads on the school website. We hope these videos will help motivate children and encourage children to send in any work they have completed to the class e-mail addresses. Some of these videos are available today on the school website.
- Reading Eggs will be launching for all children. This is an online reading program that helps children learn to read and offers reading lessons and books. Reception already use this program and we will be rolling it out to Years 1 to 6.

We would also encourage parents to use the class e-mails to ask for any advice or feedback on work their children have completed at home. The staff are really enjoying seeing all the wonderful work children have been producing at home and we thank all parents who have used this system so far. The class e-mails are as follows:

Class 2 – class2@barmbymoorschool.co.uk

Class 3 – class3@barmbymoorschool.co.uk

Class 4 – class4@barmbymoorschool.co.uk

Class 5 – class5@barmbymoorschool.co.uk

Class 6 – class6@barmbymoorschool.co.uk

The latest class letters are also available to read on the school website. These can be found under Information, Home Learning and by clicking on Letters to Children.

Mr Baxter's Weekly Challenge

Thank you to all children who participated in last week's challenge! Children created some fantastic superheroes.

The latest challenge is now live on the school website and involves children building their own skyscraper. It can be found under Home Learning and by clicking on the Weekly Challenge tab.

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When completed, please send photos to weeklychallenge@barmbymoorschool.co.uk for me to have a look at.

Staff Stories

Ms Young, Mrs Parry and Mr Hone have all uploaded a new story to the school website. Please check these out by going to Home Learning and clicking on Staff Stories. More updates soon!

Thank You

Thank you again to all parents for your continued support.

I will be in contact with Year 1 parents this week to provide additional details on their child's return to school.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr J Baxter
Executive Headteacher

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