



Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning at Barrow Hedges Primary School – Reception

We hope this finds you all safe and well in these trying times that we continue to find ourselves in. Firstly thank you to parents for your cooperation and support thus far. We are so saddened to be having to write this letter and we are all too aware of what an unsettled start to school your child is having. For parents who are new to Barrow Hedges, you are perhaps unaware of how we supported families with home schooling last academic year, so we hope that this letter will at least provide some assurance as to our commitment to your child and their continued progress, both socially and emotionally and academically.

All learning activities will be on Tapestry, which is the platform that you should all be familiar with, particularly as we unfortunately had to close the Reception bubble in October. There is an expectation that all children remaining at home will engage with the work set. Children will benefit from being in a routine, participating in the activities set, gaining a sense of purpose and making continued progress.

A 'welcome back' video has been posted on Tapestry – please share this with your child(ren) before you begin Tuesday's learning sessions.

Everyday there will be four learning sessions for you to complete with your child(ren). The four sessions include: Handwriting, Number Time, Phonics and Themed Learning linked to this term's question 'Can a Penguin Live in a Hot Place?'

The Reception teachers have recorded videos for you to best support learning at home. We have thought very carefully about the resources you might have at home to help too.

This is new learning, therefore by completing tasks set, your child(ren) will be able to continue their learning journey when they return to school.

We recognise that supporting 'home learning' can be daunting. We have worked hard to support you through the provision of pre-recorded teaching videos. All sessions for the following day will be posted on Tapestry at approximately 5:00pm.

Either Mrs Covey, Miss Cheung or Mrs Bennett will be available from 9:00 to 10:00am each morning to answer any questions you may have about the task. You can ask questions on the 'observation' (which is actually the lesson not an observation) in the comments section. There is no such thing as a 'stupid' question; other parents may very well be thinking the same thing, so please do ask.



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Please do take a photograph or a video of your child(ren)'s learning and upload by creating your own observation before 3:00pm. Please do not upload your child's learning to the lesson/session that we have sent. We will then feedback and publish the observation you have created into your child's learning journey. It would be very helpful if you could copy and paste the title from our teaching observation onto your own added observation so that we can keep track of your child(ren)'s learning.

The Reception Team are also available to answer any questions via the office email. (office@barrowhedges.com) . We are also very happy to give you a call to offer further support in any way we can. In any case, your child's teacher will phone you over the next few weeks to touch base.

Please note that if your child is attending school, because you have received confirmation of a place, then while your child is with us, one of the Reception Team will complete the set tasks and upload them onto Tapestry too.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you feel you need to – once again we are all here to support one another.

Keep safe and well.

Kind regards,

Mrs Louise Wood

Headteacher

Mrs Janine Covey

Assistant Headteacher/EYFS Leader