



Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote learning at Barrow Hedges Primary School – Year 1 to Year 6

I 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.

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for remote learning for Years 1 to Years 6 during this period of partial re-opening of the school.

For Years 1 to 6, all learning activities will be on Microsoft Teams, which is the platform we have been using for homework this academic year. There is an expectation that all children remaining at home will engage with the work set. This is especially important given the disruption last academic year and because children will already be needing to close gaps in their learning. Aside from this, children's wellbeing will be supported if they are in an established routine, participating in the activities set, gaining a sense of purpose and making continued progress.

Teachers and TAs will work in their year group teams, teaching the children in school in a year group bubble and, alongside this, teaching those at home remotely, on a rota basis. Each day there will be three pre-recorded lessons as well as other resources and assignments for completion. Usually, two of the three pre-recorded lessons will be Maths and English, but you may find, depending on the learning objectives, it is often a foundation subject that comes with a video. An example timetable is provided below.

The work will be set on Teams at approx. 5.00/5.30pm each day, ready for the next day. We found that during the first lockdown parents appreciated having the option to see what was coming up. We ask that children do not view the lessons in advance though as this disrupts the flow and continuity of the week's learning. But most importantly, your child should be logged off Teams at this time anyway! It is pretty tiring for children to learn in this way so we advise that the usual school timings are a good guide, and obviously ensure there's break times.

Sometimes children will be provided with the answers for an assignment (e.g. for maths, guided reading or grammar) so that they can check their work themselves. They are used to this kind of self assessment in school.

Maths and English work has a suggested turn in time of 12noon and foundation subject work has a suggested turn in time of 3pm. We very much recognise that many parents will also be juggling working



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from home and so if these timings are unsuitable for your family's routine then please be assured that late submissions will still be looked at, it is just that this may not be until the next school day.

EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

Monday	Teach the spelling rule – Powerpoint and assignment	Maths Pre-recorded video and assignment	English Pre-recorded video and assignment	Science Pre-recorded video and assignment	
Tuesday	Guided reading – teach a skill/ Phonics – teach a sound Pre-recorded video	Maths Pre-recorded video and assignment	English Instructions and assignment	Art Pre-recorded video and assignment	
Wednesday	Guided reading/phonics instructions and assignment	Maths Pre-recorded video and assignment	English Pre-recorded video and assignment	Geography Powerpoint and short assignment	Music Pre-recorded video and assignment
Thursday	Guided reading/phonics instructions and assignment	Maths Pre-recorded video and assignment	English Pre-recorded video and assignment	RE Pre-recorded video and assignment	
Friday	Spellings test	Maths Powerpoint and assignment	English Pre-recorded video and assignment	Geography Pre-recorded video and assignment	
	Arithmetic test				

There will also be assemblies and stories for children to watch. Please also note that Joe Wicks is resuming his live sessions, three times per week, 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, each one is twenty minutes long so this may be a good activity to do once your child has logged on and looked at their work (at 8.30/8.45am depending on your routine!)

Assignments will be able to be completed on Teams or handwritten and uploaded.

The 'comments' function on Teams will be turned on twice per day – between 9am and 10am and 1pm and 2pm. Please ensure that children only write comments about the work and do not use this as a 'chat' function. The team of teachers/TAs assigned to supporting remote learning that day will have a lot to respond to so please ensure that your child utilises this sensibly. We have already provided an 'Acceptable User Agreement' related to Microsoft Teams and ask that you adhere to this so that learning can be purposeful, productive and safe.

We are all so saddened about this situation and that we cannot have all children in school. We recognise that the return to home schooling will be difficult for many. Please try not to panic; we will do what we can to support you. This will once again be a huge adjustment for children. Teachers will be ringing the children

over the next two weeks, and sooner if we note that your child is not engaging with the online learning. Every child will have a call with their teacher regardless.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher