



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 11 – 8th January 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well things have certainly changed quickly since the newsletter I sent you on Monday. I hope you are all well and are managing the pressures I know you will all have.

We have quite a few more children in school, in this lockdown, and we have just under a third of our total pupil population in school. If you are a critical worker, we thank you for only sending your child to school if absolutely necessary so we can keep numbers low to protect our community.

The increased numbers this time means that almost all of our staff are working in school, in classrooms, with children each day. This makes the teachers' jobs much more difficult as they are teaching all day with the children in school, as well as adapting work for the website to ensure high quality provision for the children learning at home and responding to messages and home learning work submitted through dojo. However, we are constantly striving to improve the provision of home learning, yet know that everyone has different preferences and access to technology at home and so are trying to cater for everyone. Please let us know if you are having access difficulties. Teachers really do want to hear from all children, so please send messages, questions and photos of work so that teachers can feedback and support learners at home, we have received some lovely photos and messages this week, thank you.

We have a safeguarding requirement to regularly be in touch with every child on roll. If teachers do not hear from children via dojo or email, then we will make a telephone call to check everyone is ok; if we cannot contact you at all we will need to make a door-step visit. You can request a telephone call by emailing/phoning the office or sending a message via dojo if you would like help with anything. We know home learning is difficult, but those who engaged fully with it last time were in a much stronger position when they returned, than those who did not. We are looking at the best way of holding some live sessions for those at home too and I hope to share how we will do this with you soon.

Class letters and topic maps will be coming out to everyone today.

Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

For families where children have been in school - If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, please let us know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

I hope you all have restful weekend.

Best wishes,

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At Benwick Primary School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take e-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family