

# Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well and, despite the lockdown, have had a good Easter.

Today marks the start of the Summer Term, which we begin in the strangest of ways, with most children learning from home. The school is very quiet without everyone, we have some staff in school looking after a minority of children who need to be here, and others working hard at home, but we really miss everyone else! We welcome Mrs Piper, our new Deputy Head, today - she is looking forward to her busy but unusual start at Benwick, helping our team with the challenges of our new normal!

Teachers are really keen to support the fantastic learning going on at home, so please feel free to get in contact with them via dojo or by emailing the office. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher in the next day or so, outlining the learning intended for the term. There are lots of learning opportunities available on our website that teachers have worked hard to prepare to keep continuity in our curriculum coverage, to avoid gaps in learning, but there are lots of others found via links we have previously provided and via the BBC.

We know everyone has different circumstances, so just ask you to do the best you can, keeping the children reading, writing and completing mathematical activities, especially times tables, as a minimum. We think you are all doing a great job - well-done! Don't forget to email in with photos and short captions before lunchtime on Friday so I can collate our weekly 'Good news' newsletter!

You may have heard from the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson, during the press conference yesterday, or on the news, that there are no plans as yet to re-open schools. We do know there will be no statutory testing this year, so no Y6 or Y2 SATs, or Y4 X tables tests or Y1 Phonics screening. We receive information at the same time as everyone else via the news, but rest assured we will share information with you as soon as we have it. We would all love to have our 'Benwick School Family' back together again as soon as possible, however as we all know, we must: Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives. You are all doing vital work in maintaining this, thank you.

Best wishes,

Clare Talbot  
Headteacher