



# BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Updates at the end of Week Two

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to inform you about our plans for remote education moving forward. We have looked at several educational platforms over the past few days. Our thoughts have been driven by consideration of two key factors.

First, we want whichever platform that we choose to be something that we would continue to use after the pandemic is over; and

Second, the platform needs to be something that would add value and support children, and you as parents moving forward.

After due deliberation, we have decided to go with 'Class Dojo', which we believe meets both points. So, next week, you will receive a text with log-in information for this. Class Dojo is an educational platform that is used in many schools throughout the world including a significant number in the USA, and also here in the UK. Further information can be found at <https://www.classdojo.com>. Please do take a look.

Once you receive your log-in details please log in with your laptop, tablet or mobile phone. Please note that if, for whatever reason, you choose not to sign up, home learning will still be put on school website for you to access.

Using Class Dojo allows us to upload our own bespoke videos and stories and also allows you to send work back to us and ask us any questions that you might have. It allows staff to respond to any messages in 'real' time. It also allows us to upload newsletters and send messages to you rather than using our text system, which currently has a significant cost implication for the school.

We are asking that children submit their completed work via Class Dojo. Staff from the year group will respond to at least one piece of work each day. Any messages, comments or queries sent to us will be responded to as soon as possible during the day. Staff will be

available to be contacted on Dojo between 9-12 and 1-3:30 Monday to Friday. If you do need to speak to a member of staff urgently then please call the school office as usual.

Work will be 'live' on Class Dojo ready for the children to begin learning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

As this is a completely new system and a way of working for us there will undoubtedly be a few teething problems. If you do notice anything that is not working well, or could be improved, then please let a member of staff know or alternatively email or call the office and/or ask to speak to me.

Your support with this new initiative is greatly appreciated.

With very best wishes

Terena Moreton  
Headteacher