



# BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you for the positive words of encouragement and support we have received over the past week. As Headteacher, I would also like to record my thanks to all of our support staff for enabling our teachers to do our job to the best of our ability in these strange times for us all.

As you may know, our 'Home Learning' is up and running. We are using the 'Oaks National Academy' for English and most topic lessons, and 'White Rose' for Maths lessons. Both are recommended by the Department for Education.

We are in the process of setting up an online learning platform rather than just using our school website since this will allow us to pre-record teachers for some of the lessons that the children receive. It will also allow me to record messages and stories that the children can access at home. Crucially, it gives us the facility to respond to your questions in 'real time'. We are hoping to have this facility set up in the next 2/3 weeks and I will let you have more details as soon as I am able to. One of the issues that we need to overcome is the poor internet connection here in school, in part due to the age of the building. The signal struggles due to the thick walls.... but at least this means the school won't fall down!

Children at school have adapted incredibly well and are a real credit to you as parents. It is important that children in school and children out of school receiving the same lessons, and hopefully this will ensure that when we do get back to 'normal' that the children will be at the same point and no group will be disadvantaged.

If you do not have a device (such as a laptop or tablet) to access the Home Learning, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Finally, I would find it helpful to receive feedback on what you feel is working well and what could be improved. This will enable me to make any necessary changes to ensure that our remote provision is truly meeting the needs of all our children. Please call, write or email the office with this feedback, or ask to speak to me personally if you prefer.

With very best wishes  
Terena Moreton  
Headteacher