

BONNEVILLE



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Success for today, prepared for tomorrow

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and managing to cope in your own way.

As difficult as this is for everyone, this time round we know what to expect, the good the bad and the ugly. Let's make sure we are using this knowledge to mentally prepare ourselves for what we have to face.

I write with a brief update.

I am sure you can all appreciate just how challenging it has been to keep the school open for our Key Worker parents and vulnerable families. In fact, it has been far more challenging this time round than it was previously. The impact of the latest variant of the coronavirus has created greater anxiety amongst staff, and whilst everyone is committed to supporting the National effort, for many it will not be possible for a variety of reasons.

In order to keep the school open to Key Workers, we have to work within the staffing capacity we have, which has significantly reduced. The Key Worker list published by the government is extensive; therefore we ask that parents who have access to childcare or another adult, keep their children at home. The request for ID and timetables is to keep numbers as low as possible, in order to support the apprehensions of our team and keep the school open.

In our efforts to support you at home as much as possible, we are keen to ensure the delivery of our teaching and learning provision enables our children to be as independent as possible. To do this, from next week we will be delivering live Maths and English lessons to our children. Please do not worry if you are unable to log on at that time: we will be recording the session and uploading it to Google Classroom for your use at any time.

The move to more live teaching means tighter restrictions during the session, including no parent interruptions during the session. We will be setting up meetings with parents where you will have the opportunity to discuss any issues you are facing. However, during live teaching sessions is not the time for this. Please see the attached live teaching policy for your information.

In order to make this work, it is imperative that all of our children have access to a laptop. Over the past 10 months, we have worked incredibly hard to ensure we are aware of the families who require our support. If you are still facing challenges with devices or your internet connection, let your child's class teacher know.

Last week, I came across a piece that I think captures a way of understanding different perspectives, which I would like to share with you.

Working parents want kids to go back to school because school closures directly impacts them.

Teachers don't want schools to open because COVID spreading round their school directly impacts them.

NHS staff want a full lockdown because sick COVID patients directly impacts them.

Business owners want to carry on as normal because lockdown directly impacts them.

People with physical health problems want everyone to stay socially distant because catching COVID could kill them.

People with mental health problems want people to spend time with because isolation could kill them.

Some can't wait for a vaccine because they believe it will bring back some normality.

Some are terrified of a vaccine because they believe it could harm them.

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We are all going through this but none of us are going through the same thing. Some face crippling financial challenges, others face heart break. We don't all have to agree with what's best because what's best for us won't be best for everyone. We don't have to understand what others are going through. But we do need to stick together and keep loving each other no matter our differences. We need to be mindful when some things go the way we want it to, it could be terrible news to another person. We need to be kind.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Keep well and I will keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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