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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government's recent update to the proposed phased reopening of schools and your valuable feedback on our school survey we have been working hard to decide the best way forward to meet the **home learning needs** of all our families and children.

Home learning packs will continue (until further notice) to be ready to collect every Wednesday. We request that you return the previous week's packs so that we can monitor and target support as required. Please ensure that these are named! Additional resources and online learning links will also continue to be uploaded on Dojo to support with these weekly.

Teachers will continue to interact using Class Dojo and Portfolio - we really enjoy seeing everything that the children have been doing and look forward to seeing even more. Please encourage your children to share their activities with us. Teachers will also be uploading short videos weekly for their classes and awarding Dojo Points to children for all the great things they are doing.

In order to support further with the home learning packs, teachers will be running weekly 'drop in surgeries' using Zoom online video conferencing platform. These are predominantly for academic support however we understand there are lots of children who will also benefit from interacting with their class teacher.

Safeguarding everyone is our number one priority and a legal requirement. All children must be accompanied by a visible adult if they are joining the Zoom conference.

Teachers will be available to model support for the packs using a shared screen or direct you to further resources to use. There will be more than one family on the conference, we are all battling strained internet speeds and many staff have their own children at home too, so please be patient as always.

If you are unable to access the online drop in sessions, then we will be running a weekly surgery on site at Barn Croft to offer the same support and guidance although will only be able to accommodate one family at a time to maintain social distancing. You may have to wait outside the foyer but we will ensure that everyone who requires this support will be able to see us.

Drop-in Sessions

In School

- Every Monday
- 9.30am to 11.00am

- Run by the staff team on site that week
- Please bring your child's home learning pack if there is a specific question about it as it may not be your class teacher that week

Zoom Online

- Every Monday
- 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- Run by class teachers (wherever possible, if not another teacher will be available)
- Each class has their own Zoom meeting however you can leave and join another class if you have children across more than one class
- Meeting codes and passwords will be posted to your Class Story on Dojo with joining links and instructions
- If children want to join in they **must** be accompanied by a visible adult
- Zoom meetings will be recorded and stored securely for safeguarding purposes (zoom do not keep/store copies of this)

Setting up a Zoom Account

- It is completely free for you to use – we have a premium subscription and are hosting so you only need the free version
- On a laptop or computer, visit www.zoom.us sign up with an email address and download the desktop app (you will be prompted)
- On a phone or tablet, download the app 'Zoom' and sign up with an email address

To join the meeting on Mondays:

1. Log into your zoom account or app
2. Click, 'join a meeting'
3. Type in the Meeting ID and password (will be posted to Class Dojo for each year group)
4. You will need to enable your microphone and camera
5. You will be admitted to a 'waiting room' where teachers will then admit you into the meeting from 1.30pm

We hope that these measures will continue to provide support for you at home, however there is no expectation that you have to use these sessions. As always, you know what is best for your children, families and wellbeing. Further guidance regarding the phased return to school will be sent out as soon as we are able to. Please refrain from discussing this with teachers on Zoom as we are all still in the process of working out how we can facilitate this as a team, in the safest way possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support setting up Zoom or any further clarification regarding home learning.



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