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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support and patience this week as we navigate the effects of school closure whilst creating a safe environment for onsite education and a robust online learning provision for children at home. As of Monday we hope to provide the following for all children:

PurpleMash & Tapestry

During this lockdown we will continue to use PurpleMash and Serial Mash as our home learning platform. Reception will use Tapestry in addition to this portal where they will post regular videos and communications. Nursery will use just Tapestry for their home-learning.

Work set by both class teachers to all children in year groups.

Teachers will set work and provide feedback for children across their year group as opposed to their individual classes. This is to enable the class teachers to come into school to teach children in the onsite education provision.

Recorded Videos & Year Group Teaching Blogs

Each day teachers will record themselves teaching a concept and will also provide another teaching video from an additional source such as White Rose. This will be available on the Year group teaching blog on PurpleMash.

2Dos

As of Monday 11th January teachers will be setting a minimum of four 2Dos or four activities on PurpleMash/Tapestry a day. In addition they will also set a maths activity for the children to complete each day using the White Rose Scheme. The answers for the maths activity will be made available on the teaching blog for parents to access.

Class Learning Blogs & Curriculum Maps

By next Friday we will have Curriculum Grids on the school website with additional activities for children to complete as well as the daily tasks. Children can post their additional work on the class blogs for the teachers and TAs to feedback on.

Twice Weekly Zooms with teachers

Children in each class will also have the opportunity to participate in two year group zoom meetings a week. The teacher will talk to them about the learning that has been set for the week and give the children whole class feedback. They can also use this opportunity to share a story or read their class reading book or make other announcements. This will enable the children to see their class teachers and their classmates on a more regular basis.

Teachers will lead the zoom in school when they are scheduled to be teaching the onsite children. Please be patient with the teachers as they manage the technology which isn't always reliable when you need it to be.



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Flexible Learning Pattern

As previously mentioned please do not feel pressured into ensuring your child completes every activity on the day it is set. We do not want families to become overly stressed which may cause additional anxiety for everyone in the household. If your child starts their home learning on a Wednesday please complete the Wednesday work first. Children may become overwhelmed if they are asked to complete three days of work in one day.

Feedback

If you need to carry out home learning on different days including the weekend that is completely fine. The priority is that all children complete home learning every week. The 2Do lists will close by 7pm on Sunday evening. Please note teachers will provide feedback for all work that is submitted by Friday 12pm each week. Where teachers are able to provide feedback for any work submitted over the weekend they will do so as far as possible on Monday however may not be able to do for everyone.

Class Emails

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's learning please use the class email and the teachers will respond as soon as they can. Please be patient if you require a response as the teachers will still be teaching in school unlike the previous lockdown. If you have any feedback on our overall school provision, we would appreciate if you direct this to the school office for the attention of the Senior Leadership Team.

Recorded Video/Live Lessons

We will be looking into how we can increase and improve our online provision as the weeks progress and will update you with any changes we make.

We appreciate that this is a very stressful time for all our families as you manage work and home learning. We know parents are very anxious that your children may fall behind in their learning due to this second lockdown, especially parents lower down the school. It is very easy to get caught up in social media groups where people tend to vent their fears and anxieties. Please be assured that last term the children made fantastic progress in their learning and caught up to where we would want them to be. We can and will do this again!

Thank you for your support and kind emails, your patience has really been appreciated over the last three days of school opening.

We will continue to do everything we can to support our children's learning and wellbeing both at home and at school.

Have a lovely safe weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Kelly

Headteacher

<https://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/learning/home-learning-during-school-closure/>