

Benwick Primary School

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At Benwick Primary School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take

e-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

We are now at the end of the second week of home-learning and teachers have tried to contact all families at home, by phone, and have spoken to almost every child. Thank you so much for your support and engagement, your ears may have been burning this week as I have told many people how wonderfully supportive and positive our families have been in really difficult circumstances!

2 weeks have flown by for us in school, as we have been extremely busy managing learning in school and out. We are particularly short-staffed in Owls at the moment and are trying to limit the numbers as much as possible for safety and so please do keep your child at home if you can Monday to Wednesday next week.

**Food Parcels:**

There has been much in the media about food parcels for free school meals. Every school varies greatly and have different providers, but I have to say our provider ‘Lunchtime’ have done a pretty good job at providing a range of foods and a substantial quantity too at short notice. We will update parents if the situation changes, however we do know vouchers will be supplied for those eligible during half-term, as they were at Christmas. Please do apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be entitled (even if your child is in EYFS/KS1 and receives an infant free school meals as this is different).

**Staff Testing:**

We are expecting routine staff testing to be rolled out in school in the next couple of weeks, I’m sure you will all be reassured by this. I will give you more details when I have them.

**Learning at Home:**

We are so impressed with how children are getting on with their learning at home and the support you are giving them, we know it is not easy to juggle working at home and home schooling. We put a lot of learning on our website and are trying to make things easier and clearer for parents all the time, by using videos and embedding links in the text (if words are underlined or in a different colour they may be a link to a video or website). We are required to provide 3 hours for KS1 and 4 hours for KS2 each day (including assembly etc). However, whilst we really want all children to access this, and we will provide support and feedback for the work submitted (as well as certificates in the post), we don’t want you or your child to feel to pressurised at home. Please do what you can and focus on English and Maths as the priority. Please do contact us if you need support and we will do all we can to help.

**Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:**

For families where children have been in school - If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, please let us know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

I hope you all have restful weekend.

Best wishes, ***Mrs Clare Talbot –* Headteacher**