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Start of the Spring Term

The first newsletter of the new year may be arriving three weeks in to the spring term, but there has been a wealth of information and letters to you all during this new lockdown period. Everyone at Warwick Bridge School would like to thank all parents, carers and pupils for their cooperation and support during this period. The school did not have much time to act when faced with the reality of the situation we found ourselves in at the turn of the year. Since lockdown commenced, staff at school have worked hard to completely change their teaching approach and they have returned to the online and remote learning that we saw in spring 2020. We all want a full return to school as soon as possible. As we wait for this, every staff member will do their utmost to ensure that the education of all the children continues in the best ways possible.

Staff News

We are very happy to inform all parents and carers that Mrs McBride is expecting a baby later in the spring. Mrs McBride is doing well and we all wish her the best for the birth of her child. There will be a change in staffing in the Early Years and we will let you know what is happening there nearer the time.

Remote Learning

Now that we have returned to the remote learning platforms we want to ensure that all pupils have the technology, space at home and support in order for their education to continue. Staff and the school Governing Board have worked very hard to ensure that every pupil receives the best in online learning. Your child should be able to access live learning and activities with their teacher and TA staff. We realise that learning at home is not ideal for everyone. And a mix of paper-based and screen learning had been judged to serve pupils better. Parents and carers are quite often juggling their own work from home along with the support of the children's work. This is indeed a difficult time and we thank you for all your efforts. Similarly, staff are working from home setting the work and delivering live sessions. They are also coming in to school to teach in either Bubble 1 (EY and KS1 children) or Bubble 2 (KS2). And for staff who have their own children to educate the pressure to ensure that all these areas can be successfully supported is immense. We thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

Attendance at School

If you are a Key Worker and your role is pivotal to the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, you can have your child attend school between 9am-3pm Mon -Thurs and 9am-12noon on Fridays. The message is very clear however – if your child can stay at home, they must stay at home. Parents and carers must try to source childcare and not send children in to school. The government guidance is very clear – wherever possible, children must stay at home. In the extreme cases of parents/carers being Key and Critical Workers, children have a place at school. But please understand that during this lockdown period the school is only open to serve the children of the Key and Critical Workers. You must let school know well in advance of your plans to send any child to school. Telephone the school or contact the class teacher on Class Dojo as soon as possible.

Technology for Online Learning

One of the most difficult aspects of learning remotely is ensuring that the technology used is suitable for the tasks. We have been able to support some families who needed different devices in order to access online learning. If you are having issues with the tablet, laptop or device that you are using for remote education, please let your class teacher know. The school is trying to secure monies from various grants to buy more equipment that can be used to learn at home. We have also benefitted from the generosity of local people who have donated devices to school. For this we are very thankful. Remember to let us know if you are struggling in any way with the devices and web access you have. Support is out there and we can offer it.

Online Websites to help Home Learning

We know that there can be a wealth of resources that baffle people when it comes to online learning. Teachers will be giving out information each week about what your child will be expected to do online and will hopefully make it clear where the best places are to go on the web. All the work is emailed to you and also loaded on to your child's class page on the school website. There are many sites that seek to support your online work. One of the best is from the BBC. For extra support in all areas please visit BBC Bitesize at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>. This site opens up a whole host of support and ideas.

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Sustrans Active Cycling

We wanted to let you know that CCC is relaunching [Sustrans Outside In](#), a free resource to help parents who are looking after their children at home. [Sustrans Outside In](#) provides fun ideas and inspiration for parents to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into their home. Click on the links in blue to find out more. Or go to this link for the subscription page www.sustrans.org.uk/OutsideIn

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton