



# The 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 5: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents

We have really appreciated having four weeks back at school with your children since the return to school for all children. This has given us time to resettle them back into school routines and expectations. This has been understandably difficult for many of them who have not had to work independently for a very long time. We want to reassure you that we are sympathetic to this and are working really hard to ensure we are able to increase motivation and engagement with purposeful activities. You can really help too by ensuring your children have early nights, all electronic devices are removed from the bedroom and bedtime stories are shared.

The reality is that there is a real chance that we will be faced with tighter controls once again. We need to make the very most of this learning opportunity.

## Home Learning

We have a responsibility to be prepared for a further lock down. We might not receive any notice that this will happen so we want to best prepare you.

It is at the Government's insistence that children continue with a full timetable of learning whilst at home. We want to help you being able to realistically deliver this expectation so having listened to you and areas you find most difficult, we propose the following programme:

### Oak National Academy –

On-line daily lessons all delivered at the appropriate level for your child. The Government recommends this as the lockdown programme for primary school children.

### Workbooks –

Some of you might not have access to laptops or tablets so to help you we will distribute workbooks to cover the English and Maths curriculum.

### Topic Webs –

As you know your child's topic your child will be able to make their own topic book doing on-line research.

### PAWS –

Many children learn best by doing. You can then record their achievements on Seesaw which provides us with the best link with families to just check you are doing ok

### Reading –

Please don't underestimate the value you are contributing to your child's development by reading with them every day.

### Well-being –

Look after you and your family by being supportive, active and getting some fresh air every day.

Barnardos are working with agencies to find those children who are hidden from view; who are not receiving support currently from statutory organisations and those who are at risk and/or experiencing adverse impact to their health and wellbeing. The service is open to any child / young person who do not have other support networks at this time who you are concerned about. There is **no threshold of need or harm** that has to be reached to receive a service. However, we are especially committed to finding those we believe may be at most harm including those children who are:

- Under 5 years old
- Those with SEND who have other associated harms such as adverse home-life or online harms
- Children within or out of the home at risk of any form of abuse, criminal and sexual exploitation (working in homes and outreach detached settings)
- BAMER children (who are not being seen or reached)
- Young carers

**See, Hear, Respond is for children not known to statutory agencies.** This service is not a substitute for existing statutory support.

Children and families can self- refer via phone or complete the online form. A professional can also complete the form on their behalf.

Free phone: 0800 157 7015 (operates between Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am - 6pm).

Online self-referral: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond/professional-referral-form>  
You can find out more about the service, at <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

## Forthcoming dates for your diary

### Key Dates - Autumn Term-2020

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October- FRIENDS AGM- By Zoom. Please ensure Heidi Mullins knows of your interest to attend.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival Collection for Gloucester Food Bank

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Grammar School Entrance Exam

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October-Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-School starts

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November-Individual photos

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - PAWS in

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Party

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Year 5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Flu immunisations- information will be distributed when we have it.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3/4 Christmas Party

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December- School finishes 2pm

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