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## NATIONAL LOCKDOWN ROUNDUP – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final round up of Term 3, I hope you have found these weekly updates helpful over this lockdown. When we **return to school on 22<sup>nd</sup> February** we will still be offering Home Learning and on site places for those children of Key workers who really need them. The school is supporting between **27-33% of our pupils on site** which is realistically as many as we can safely manage and continue with our high quality home learning offer. We review our risk assessment weekly and remind children, staff and parents of the protection measures. We would also ask those of you at home to check the government advice and follow the lockdown protocols to keep us all safe in the hope we can return to school as soon as it is safe to do so.



### Mrs Gould retiring

As you will be aware Mrs Gould retires at the end of this term. We have made the decision to postpone the BIG celebrations until after lockdown as we want her to have the proper send-off she deserves. So watch this space! If you wish to send a message or memory there is still time, please send via the office email.

### Mrs Summers retiring

Mrs Summers has made the decision to retire at the end of next term. She has been a Lunch break supervisor at St Barnabas since 1999! She has made sure 100's of children have eaten well, been cared for, played together and had someone to talk to at lunchtime. I am sure lots of you will have happy memories and we will plan a good bye celebration next term.



## Home Learning Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the parent survey. We had 76 responses and 49 of you took the time to share your comments, there was lots of really useful feedback.

There was a range of positive comments around the level of support from staff, the use of Zoom calls, video and recorded learning from teachers and the communication you have received. All of this feedback has been shared with staff and governors.

### Response to questions

Questions 2- 9	% of parents
2. How clear is the work your child's teacher sets for them?	71.06% of you said it was very clear or quite clear
3. On average, how many hours a day does your child spend on their school work?	Largest response 2-4 hours 60.53%
4. In general, how satisfied are you with the support your child has received from school?	77.63% of you said you were very satisfied or satisfied
5. In general how confident are you in supporting your child's learning at home?	51.32% of you said you were very confident or confident
6. From your observations, how well is your child coping with the current situation?	51.77% of you said very well or quite well 42.11% said ok
7. How clear has the communication from the school been during this period of remote learning?	89.47% of you said very clear and quite clear
8. How easy or difficult has it been to contact the school with any queries?	92.11% of you said very easy or quite easy
9. How much do you feel part of the school community during this period of remote learning?	64.47% of you said very much or quite

### Question 10

What you said?	What are we going to do in response?
Children are more motivated by seeing their teacher in learning videos rather than YouTube.	From Term 4 teachers will be holding more Zoom calls each week. One whole class check in and one focused around learning. Our youngest children will be getting daily live phonics lessons.
Struggling to understand terminology and navigate the lesson plans especially if it is new topic.	New learning will be explained in recorded videos. Support information will also be sent out in Term 4.
More live lessons would motivate the children when it is at an all-time low.	We will continue to use the Zoom calls as check in time but now they will include all children even if they are in school. Please check out the Home Learning information on the website for further details.
Could all learning for the day be sent in one attachment so it is easier to navigate? Too much scrolling.	There is a limit to how much we can upload onto dojo and teachers also respond to any misconceptions and difficulties with learning as and when they happen. We

	will keep this in mind and try not to bombard you!
Could learning for the day be marked? What is required for that day is highlighted.	Teachers will highlight the priority for the day so if time is limited for parents they know what to do first.
There is a lot of work set and hard to complete it all whilst working full time.	Our message is and continues to be “do what you can”. We fully understand and appreciate that lots of parents are working full time as well as home schooling. No one will “fall behind” and when children return to school teachers will assess their needs and plan to meet them.
My child is suffering the effects of isolation.	Teachers will suggest ways to link with other children via video call, FaceTime or phone calls. This group working has really benefitted some of our children. There will be some whole school Zoom calls from Term 4. Please join the additional Zoom calls each week as this will help support your child.

Assuring you of our best at all times,

Miss Sheppard and Team St Barnabas

