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Birchwood continues to be closed next week apart from providing child care service for vulnerable children and children of key workers				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

The Bugle is only available online at the moment due to school closure.

REMINDER : Continue to follow our one school rule showing 'Consideration and Respect'.

Spending time with Family and Friends

Over the last couple of weeks we have all found ourselves spending much more time with our immediate families at home. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to see and spend time with all of our other family members or friends during these challenging times.

Technology has often been criticised or blamed for impacting negatively on the way families communicate. For example, instead of playing games or eating dinner together, more and more families are instead turning on the television, using digital devices, and constantly messaging on their phones. Some people believe that families are ditching the real world in favour of the cyber world.

But over the last few weeks, technology has been essential to many families to support them in being able to communicate with those that they are not able to be in physical contact with. The widespread use of mobile phones and the Internet are certainly helping people stay in touch and communicate regularly.

During the next few months we will all be spending more time online. To support you in being able to safeguard and protect your children whilst online, we have teamed up with National Online Safety who deliver brilliant training for parents. The training is delivered wholly through videos and covers the following aspects: unsafe communications, effects to mental health and well-being and managing online information. You will learn about each online danger, what the risks are to each danger, potential signs and what you could do to help ensure children stay safe online!

The letter to parents is available on the front page of our school website or alternatively please use the link below and sign up as a parent.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/birchwood-primary-school-1>

Please remember though the importance of a phone call. It might not be the newest and latest technology available, but for many vulnerable people, this is still the best and most effective way of looking after each other and showing we care.

For the next 2 weeks, during the Easter Holiday, school will remain open to support our most vulnerable children and the children of our key workers, to enable them to continue to do their excellent work in our communities. As always if you have any problems, contact school and we will do our utmost to help you. We hope you all have a great Easter and look after each other.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Birchwood showing our support for all our fabulous NHS workers.



Time Capsule - Easter Activity

During the Easter break, there won't be weekly activities set by teachers on the class pages of our website, as they will be taking their holiday on the days they are not in school with children of key workers.



The time capsule activity and linked resources are available on our school website under the newsletter tab or by visiting your child's class page. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful time capsules sharing this moment of history that we are all living through.

Holiday Wellbeing Call

Over the Easter Holidays Birchwood will continue to make contact with all our families that we are not in regular contact with, to ensure that the children and yourselves are well.

This week it has been great to hear how you are all getting on and to share in the learning happening at home.

Your kind words of support are much appreciated at this difficult time and help to give us all a lift. It is comforting to know that you are all safe and well.