

# Team Bartons

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“Be strong now because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever”

We have now been in lockdown for ten days and I hope that you are all adjusting, again, and you are coping well during these challenging times. None of us at school underestimates how hard it is to home school the children again.

Many of us are having to balance teaching, planning work and teaching our own children too. Thank you for all of the amazing and positive feedback from parents who have sent messages and who have regularly communicated with the teachers. This is very much appreciated. All of the staff are working very hard. Some of you have shared your worries with us too. Please hang in there. The DfE expects us to set between 3- 4 hours of work per day. Naturally we do have to follow this requirement and ensure that we are providing the children with enough work to support their learning. We also have to ask you to monitor what your child is doing so that there is engagement everyday. As we have said before, home learning is never going to be quite the same as at school but the teachers are planning recorded live lessons and a range of activities to support you all in the best ways. Please do what you can. This is a partnership; we ask that the children submit regular (daily) pieces so that they don't fall behind their peers. They need to engage with us so we can continue to assess their needs and interests. Some have not submitted any work and so we will contact you to ask why as part of our duty of care.

## Access To Computers

Last week. I posted a guide about how you can use an X-box or a PlayStation 4 console as a computer to access Seesaw. Thank you very much to Dr Nick Taylor who confirmed that it does work. Thank you.

## SeeSaw Posts



We wanted to do a massive shout out to all of the brilliant families who are engaging so well, every day with the work provided on Seesaw. From the 7th to the 13th of January, there were 3,072 uploaded pieces of work with 1,916 comments and 2,042 likes. This is remarkable and shows the positive commitment from the majority of Bartons families. Well done to all of you. We are so pleased. Watch this space because we are planning to do something that recognises and celebrates this commitment by individuals. Fantastic Team Bartons!

## Attending School

For children attending school, please arrive at **8.30am** and collect at **3pm**. Please attend on the days you have requested. If the children don't come in, you must inform us. All children will receive a hot meal but can have a packed lunch if you prefer.

## Key Worker Places

You may be aware that the DfE guidance eligibility for school places changed at last week. The DfE state that if a child of a critical worker can be looked after at home then they should be e.g. on shift workers' days off or if working from home. We have worked so hard to balance the demand for this, however, we continue to receive requests from critical workers being asked to increase their hours. We now need all families using in-school provision, **in Year 1 and 2** to urgently review their current work demands and let us know if they are able to release a place in school even if it is just for one/a few days a week. This will allow us to support more families who have critical worker roles. Please contact the school regarding this issue as soon as possible using: [deputy@bartonsprimary.school](mailto:deputy@bartonsprimary.school)

## Congratulations



Well done to Julia in Ash class who recently found out that she had won first prize in an art competition ran during last year's lockdown by The Southdown Trust. Amazing art work and we're very proud of you. **Stay safe! Best wishes Kate Powell**

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