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Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again I thank you for your kind words and messages, the staff and volunteers we have in school are doing an absolutely amazing job keeping the school day as 'normal' as possible for the children, whilst dealing with their own personal circumstances around the virus. I am very proud to lead such an amazing group of people. The children are being superstars; they are just getting on, tackling new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm but it is also very clear how they are stepping up to support each other. Please take the time this evening to praise your child on their attitude at school today. We recognise this is a very challenging time for many of your children and anxiety levels will be heightening for some, we are here to support in any way we can. Professional advice from child psychologists is we should be talking to the children about the 'bug' and reassuring them. If your child doesn't bring it up mention it to them and answer honestly all the questions they may have. The children will know bits and pieces no matter how much you have protected them from the news, they do not need detail but they do need reassurance. If you are personally finding it all very difficult to talk about, ask a family member to have this conversation.

Tomorrow we are closing our doors to MOST pupils. The Government announced yesterday that schools are required to open to children with EHCPs, vulnerable children and children of key workers. We are still waiting for the Government guidance around who can attend school on Monday. I am sorry that I am unable to clarify who can come to school on Monday and who cannot at this stage. As soon as I have any information, I will share it with you. I understand the extra stress I am putting on families not being able to clarify if you have child care for Monday but my hands are tied on this one.

Tomorrow will be an emotional day for many and as always I am sure the Barlby Community will pull together and support each other at this very difficult time.

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker
Headteacher



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