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### Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the families that have taken the time to add a few words onto emails or to mention in the playground that you think we are doing a good job, they really do lift our mood at this very difficult time. We are being as open as possible with you and will continue to do so, as soon as we have any information or the situation in school changes it will be shared. Our intention as a **school is to stay open** whilst staffing allows or the government lets us.

Coming home with your child this week is a 'Home learning pack' if your child is continuing to attend school please just put the pack to one side, they DO NOT need to complete the work if they are attending school. If your child is self-isolating this work is for them and should last them until the Easter break, after this time we will review the situation. Most work will be set through the on line-learning platform Purple Mash As part of the home learning pack staff email addresses are being shared, please only contact staff around learning queries, anything else should be directed to the school office as normal: [admin@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk) / 01757 703317. The teaching staff are extremely busy teaching and supporting the children in school all day and setting tasks for pupils at home, they will get to your email as soon as they can but it may take a while, please bear with us. If you have already started to self-isolate we will be calling round at some point this week and putting the pack through your letterbox, again please bear with us, this may take us a few days.

If you have made the decision to self-isolate we fully support and respect your decision. If you have informed the school that your child is displaying symptoms or they have come into contact with anyone displaying symptoms this information has been recorded and your child will not be able to return to school until after the 7 or 14 days (in line with government guidelines) has passed. We will not be accepting children back in to school that 'feel better' please do not send them. This is an



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unprecedented situation and we will continue to follow the guidelines issued by the government, strictly.

Currently as a staff we are 'holding strong' with only a few members self-isolating, this may change quickly if the government force all vulnerable adults to stay at home. We know which staff we might have to say good-bye to for a while and we have plans to teach larger class sizes and cover classes using support staff. It will be impossible for me to inform you daily who is teaching your child as staff start to go off. We are mindful of the children with high anxiety that need to know before they come to school of any changes that may occur and we will do our best to inform these parents so they can help their child get ready for any changes that day.

Again, thank you all for your continued support. Any questions or concerns or if you think we have missed some information please do not hesitate to contact school, we will do our best to answer if we can.

I wish every member of school community the very best at the difficult time.

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker  
Headteacher