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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wonderful Weekly Work

Further to my letter of 26th March I'm writing to confirm an update to the arrangements for home learning for children at Berewood during the extended period of school closure.

- During term time on each Monday morning, Wonderful Weekly Work set for all pupils by their teachers will be uploaded to the school's curriculum website pages shared previously with you. The work will include a list of creative and core subject work for children to complete.
- No work will be uploaded or is expected to be completed during holidays or on bank holidays.

Contact with teachers

- I have agreed with teachers that they will be available on school days to answer home learning queries that you may have by email. Their email addresses will be included on the weekly information sheets which you can download. **Queries should be restricted to learning matters only.**
- Teachers are being given other tasks to do by leaders from school and so **will only be available to answer queries between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. each school day - so please don't request replies or expect replies outside of these times.** Replies will not usually be sent to you individually but rather collated into an FAQ (Frequent Asked Questions) document that is uploaded to the year group curriculum page of the website.
- There may sometimes be a delay to this time window if teachers are rostered to be in school providing emergency provision. A reply will then come later, but normally on the same school day.

What we expect from you and your children

- Please try and find time to support your children with their learning
- Do let us know if your child is getting stuck or finding the work tricky, we can offer advice and support. **Email your child's class teacher in the first instance**, only if that proves unsuccessful then please send an email to office@berewoodprimary.co.uk
- We do expect on school days, that children try a number of the activities and tasks set by their teachers and as a general rule attempt to complete these within the week that they are set.

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Berewood introduces for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6

We are pleased to announce that we have signed up for our pupils to have access a digital journal through an app called Seesaw. Seesaw allows children, their teachers and parent/carers to share work and announcements in a safe, secure and approved social network environment. Click on <http://www.seesaw.me/> for more information on what this app provides.

At Berewood

- **Seesaw will not be used by pupils, parents/carers and teachers in Reception – they will continue to use Tapestry.** Seesaw will only be used by pupils in Years 1 to 6, their families and their teachers.
- Seesaw will not be in full use for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 **until we return after the Easter break.** More information including access codes will follow then.
- Further information on the different ways you can connect to Seesaw will be provided in a letter which will be sent out just before or on the 20th April 2020.

We do hope that you will agree that this is a good new way for our pupils to engage with you, their teachers and their learning, both during the imposed closure and beyond that time.

Any families experiencing difficulties in getting online or downloading the Wonderful Weekly Work, should email their concerns to office@berewoodprimary.co.uk If that is not possible then please phone the school office on 02392 244010 on school days between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and we will try to help if we can.

We know that some of the online websites are overstretched, given that 95% of pupils in the country are completing home learning. If websites seem to be busy then we suggest re-scheduling that activity for another day or a different time when it might be less busy.

Finally, just to say I will write again on Friday, just before the Easter break starts, with an update on school news from the end of this half term and plans for an online celebration assembly after Easter, but in the meantime, please look after yourselves and keep safe.

Yours faithfully,



Ricky Leigh
Headteacher