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Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of the new year has certainly been full of challenges to which everyone has risen to with ease and determination. I would like to thank you all for adapting so readily and supporting your children's teachers as they worked so hard to put everything in place to ensure the children can continue to learn.

I know you have received an overload of information from us in the last two weeks so I will keep my letter brief.

Coronavirus Update

Following the nation lockdown, schools remain closed to most pupils until the 22nd February 2021. This will be updated as and when it is necessary.

Whilst school is open to Key worker and vulnerable children, it is deemed that home is the safest place for children to remain if they possibly can. Please only book a key worker place at school if it is necessary.

Free School Meals

It has just been announced by the Government that they will commence their national voucher scheme from next week.

The Trust will provide vouchers again this week to all who are eligible. From Monday 18th January the provider will revert to Edenred.

Remote Education and contact

Thank you for all the fantastic work the children have submitted to their teachers. I am fortunate enough to have access to this so can see how enthusiastic everyone is.

If you have not managed to access the work or are having difficulty with technology or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will solve the problems together.

We have a duty of care to all our families to have consistent contact with you. Please ensure you contact your child's teacher or upload work regularly as failure to do so will trigger a welfare call. Please respond to any messages you receive to let us know how you are.

Please remember you are not alone in this. We are here to support you all, both children and parents alike. Please do not let Remote Education get on top of you. Take a break if it gets too much and please take advantage of the opportunity to seek advice from the teachers.

For any difficulties not related to schoolwork, please contact the school office either via telephone or email barton@barton.dfamat.com and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

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