



# BARWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear families,

I hope that you are all as well as can be expected at this difficult time, we are missing you all. It doesn't feel right to have a school without children in it but we know this is the safest thing for us all.

Thank you to all of you who are sharing your experiences at home with us on Twitter, we are loving seeing what you are getting up to – keep this going. Don't forget to look out for the Journey to Wellness Challenge on the Barwell Bulletin so that you can earn points for your house. Post the outcomes from your challenge on Twitter, along with which house you are in and Miss Morris will add the points on!

I would just like to take this opportunity to make sure that all families know that we do not have any expectations of what you should be achieving with your children during this difficult time. We have provided work packs only so that you would have some guide of activities you could do. Please do not compare yourselves to others at this time or cause more stress within your house by having battles over school work. My advice would be to keep to routines (getting up times, lunch times and bed times), make sure that children read at least once a day, practise some maths skills and then anything else is a bonus. These are anxious times for everyone but spending time with loved ones, learning new skills, climbing trees and making dens in your garden are all perfectly good ways to spend your time.

I would also like to do a huge shout out to our school staff who are coming into school to provide childcare for keyworker families. We are very proud to be able to be a small part in the fight against coronavirus. We will be open throughout the Easter holidays for those families who have a childcare place here, but remember to only use us if needed.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact school – we will try to help with anything that we can. We hope to see you all very soon.

Kind regards

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