



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

I hope the first day of home learning, your child attending lockdown school or the Nursery has gone well.

You will by now be aware from last night's Government announcement that there is a national lockdown, which means that the school will move to remote learning for the vast majority of children except for those that are critical worker/vulnerable children; this will commence today until the end of the term 3.

It was great to welcome children back to the school and Nursery and to see so many of them on the whole school worship cast today. The theme today was about 'What's around the corner?' and told the story of Jenny and Callum bumping into each other when Callum was running down the corridor and didn't know what was around the corner. This is a little like our new year. We do not really know what the year will bring. At the start of 2020, we had no idea what lay ahead and just like last year, the coming year is bound to have some surprises. Things will happen that we can do nothing about, and we will have to face them as best we can.

What I do know is that we are better set-up to deliver online learning, worships and support than we were back in March 2020. We have children in school and in the Nursery which makes it feel more like a real school. I am also delighted that the transfer of The Owl and Pussycat Pre-school concluded on 1st January 2021 and that this now becomes the School Nursery. I would like to welcome the parents of Nursery children to our school community. There will be a number of changes that have already happened and also a number that are planned. The website is being updated to reflect the Nursery being incorporated, new phone network and IT infrastructure and I am even going in on Friday to start to re-paint. We will continue to update parents on the developments and in the future will seek views and opinions on how we can improve provision further.

As we know from previous experience, a national lockdown can be a challenging time for families. We do have a FLO and pastoral staff who can help to support. If you do have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address headteacher@bapchild.kent.sch.uk and we will contact you back.

It is sad that we cannot welcome all of our children back to school this term but we will try hard to ensure that the children can still connect with school and friends. We wish you all the very best, stay safe and please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely
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