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Dear Parent/Carer

### **HOME SCHOOLING DURING SELF-ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE**

Thank you for letting the school know that your child needs to self-isolate or quarantine as part of the government's Coronavirus regulations. We realise that this can be a difficult situation for both you and your child, as they miss lessons, the routine of coming to school and seeing their friends and teachers.

In order to help your child to keep up with their schoolwork we recommend that you follow the following programmes of school work, unless, of course, your child is not well enough to work.

#### Daily Maths

We suggest that your child could do two types of Maths work each day, a 'White Rose' Maths lesson and some work on number bonds or times tables.

The following link will take you to the White Rose Maths website. At school we follow this programme of work, and the online activities provided here match the lessons happening in school closely, so your child will study the same topics as their classmates while they are at home.

To access the right lessons for your child follow these instructions:

1. Click on this link: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
2. Select your child's year group.
3. Select the current week number (Week 1 is 7<sup>th</sup> September, Week 2 is 14<sup>th</sup> September etc).
4. Select the first day's lesson (there are 5 for each week, for Monday to Friday) and watch the video.

The videos refer to worksheets which we can send to you electronically or by post. Please let me know if you would like these. However, practising the tasks provided in the video may be enough for you and your child.

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To practise times tables, all children from Year 2 to Year 6 have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars. If you have mislaid your child's login details please let me know. Younger children can practise counting, reading and writing numbers and adding/subtracting two small numbers as quickly as they can.

### Daily English

As part of their response to the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown, the government has set up a national online school called Oak Academy. Our teachers have used some of these lessons and the quality is good.

To access the Oak Academy English lessons follow these instructions:

1. Use Google Chrome or Safari for best results.
2. Click on this link: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
3. Choose the right key stage for your child (Reception is Early Years Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 are Key Stage 1, and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are Key Stage 2).
4. Select 'English'.
5. Choose one of the programmes of work to follow over the next few days. Most of the programmes of work last for 10 days. You could choose a programme of work that particularly interests your child, or something they have been working on in class recently.
6. Select the first lesson in the programme of work and start the video. A friendly online teacher will guide your child through their learning tasks. The next day you can move on to lesson 2 etc.

Your child also has login details for Spelling Shed and their teacher will be setting weekly assignments using this platform so your child can practise their spellings by playing the games. As well as this it would be great if your child could spend some time reading each day, either by themselves or to you.

### Other subjects

The Oak Academy also has some great online lessons for other subjects your child would be studying in school, such as Science, Geography and History. If you would like your child to do some other online learning, these are recommended. In order to help your child keep up with their classmates, you could choose some lessons linked to topics they are studying in school. Check out your child's topics by referring to your child's class welcome letter on our school website, by following this link:

<http://barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/class-pages>

Access the Oak Academy lessons for other subjects in the same way as English (see above) but choose the subject you require instead.

### Collective Worship

I will send you a link to some of our recorded assemblies which you can watch through YouTube.

### Sharing your child's work with the school

While your child is absent from school we really want to keep in touch. All pupils now have a Seesaw account, which they have been taught to use and is great for this purpose. They can complete assignments set by their teachers, and also 'post' any work they have completed at

home. Your child's teacher will be very pleased to give your child feedback. Again, if you don't have the login details for this, please let me know. Here is a link to Seesaw:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>

### General advice

We know that home schooling is not the same as coming to school. If you manage to do some academic learning with your child each day, well done! Do remember that they will also learn all sorts of new skills by helping with cooking and cleaning, spending time in the garden, having a bit of screen time and doing creative activities.

If the situation changes and your child's whole class is asked to stay at home the arrangements will be slightly different. Your child's teacher, or another member of staff will provide daily activities for the whole class – we will tell you if this is going to happen.

### Help from school while your child is absent

Whilst your child is absent from school, please do contact me if you have any queries or questions about home learning, returning to school or any anxiety your child (or you) may be feeling. I am very happy to help, and will liaise with other staff if needed. My email address at school is [michelle.anderson@barham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.anderson@barham.kent.sch.uk) or you can call me through the school office.

Yours sincerely

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