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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow is the official start of term 5 so teachers will be uploading the next two weeks' block of lessons on the class pages section of the website by Friday:

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

Please contact me if you are unable to download the content and would prefer a hard copy. The BBC is starting daily televised lessons for each year group from Monday 20th April so you may wish to watch these in addition to the work set by teachers. I would like to reiterate that we understand that each family is different and acknowledge how difficult it is to home-school whilst simultaneously working from home yourself so please do not put yourselves or your child under too much pressure. The wellbeing of family is by far the most important thing to focus on.

When we are back in school, we will be adapting our normal curriculum to address any gaps which emerge. Parents of certain year groups may be more concerned than others about their child missing school. I would like to reassure Wrens parents that their child will complete their foundation year as the investigative, explorative curriculum really is an essential part of every child's learning. The Year 1 curriculum will adapt to ensure the children experience all aspects of the Foundation Stage.

For Year 5 parents, I will pass on the information about the Kent test as soon as I receive it. We usually use the summer term's work to take to the Headteacher appeals. The children already have some excellent work in their books from last term but you will be contacted soon by Mrs Gooderham about a research project your child could do over the next few weeks.

As mentioned before, Year 6 will have an opportunity to celebrate their primary years if we are not back in school before the end of the school year.

Finally, I would like to thank parents – Rob Mead, for working so hard in producing face shields for people in the local community and Nuala McGill for organising another 3D printer through FOBS to help speed up production. This will eventually come to school to be used for DT projects. If any of you are able to and would like to contribute to the funds for this printer, you can donate here:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-barham-school?utm_source=facebook

Please take care of yourselves and all your family and remember that we are here to help you if you need it, just email or call the school office between 9:00 and 3:15.

Best wishes

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