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Dear Parents/Carers,

As Inclusion Manager, I wanted to take this opportunity to try and reassure our families. I recognise that the current pandemic is placing a new and increasing challenge on everyone. I would like to reassure you that we are continually refining our plans to ensure that all of our children will have a successful return to Barkisland school, whenever that may be.

I want to thank you for your continued patience and support, and for all that you are doing to keep your children learning at this time. I know many families are becoming more concerned and anxious about their child's progress and we fully understand this. However, I would like to reassure you that we have already begun to make plans to ensure that children catch up with any learning missed in their previous year group once they are back and settled when we all return.

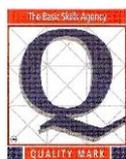
Please continue to focus on wellbeing and happiness. The longer this pandemic goes on, the harder it is, and therefore we want to make sure you are all taking care of yourselves. Continue to do what is right for you and your family. Don't over think the home learning. If something is too tricky then try adapting it to meet the needs of your child. Try not to worry about completing all Home Learning tasks, you must do what you think is right for your child. Take time to relax and have fun with your children!

The NSPCC provides some great advice to support families. Follow this link below for further guidance...

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>

### Local Support Contacts

- Noah's Ark Centre - Support line for parents if they are concerned about their child's anxiety, low self-esteem and concerns around their general mental health. Parents can request a call back from a member of the Noah's Ark Centre staff team by sending their brief details to the following email address - [pri.sch.cal.support@noahsarkcentre.org.uk](mailto:pri.sch.cal.support@noahsarkcentre.org.uk)
- Emotional health and wellbeing support for Children and Young People.  
<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/children-and-young-people/>



- Emotional health and wellbeing support for Parents, Carers and Family Members.  
<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/parents-carers-and-family-members/>
- Emotional health and wellbeing support for Early Years (0-5 Years)  
<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/category/help-support-for-early-years-0-to-5-years-old/>

Keeping in touch with family and friends is important. You may wish to organise some meet ups or video calls between your child's friends so that they have some mechanism for socialising and chatting with their friends. As teachers, we are missing working with all of the children, so please reassure your child that their teachers are still here for them. We all thoroughly enjoy talking to the children, whether that be in school or on the phone.

Continue to stay safe and I will look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Speight (Inclusion Manager)