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Dear Parents and Carers,

Educational provision for children at home

As you will know from my emails we are committed to providing remote education for all of our children during this time and we want to support all of our children to move forward with their learning and not lose the educational gains they made last term.

I had really hoped I would be able to write out to you before the weekend with further information about our remote learning provision for the next five weeks. Unfortunately, as I'm sure you will appreciate, I just haven't had enough hours in the day to manage to do this. It is top of my 'To Do... list' and I will try my hardest to have the letter ready to be sent out on Monday.

Staff have been working their socks off to get the remote learning work ready for your child(ren) and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they are doing to try and very quickly adapt the work they had planned ready for a full return to school. The way they have had to quickly get to grips with new technology and a completely new style of working has, and is, utterly amazing.

Work for next week's remote learning will be provided for you in the same way as it has this week and class teachers will be in touch via their class email.

I am pleased to share with you that eventually on Thursday the installation of our Teams platform was completed. Moving forward this will mean each pupil will have their own Microsoft 365 Teams login and this should make the two way sharing of resources much easier. Login details will begin to be sent out next week but in the meantime if you're not familiar with Teams there is lots of information about how it can be used on the Microsoft 365 website and Youtube. I am also reliably informed that Teams can be accessed via the Xbox or PS4 which may help if access to devices is a challenge in your household. Again there are various videos on Youtube that explain how to set Teams up on a console which you could also explore. Obviously, if any of you are already using this technology and have any useful hints and tips that we can share with our school community please feel free to share them with me via the school admin email admin@barnwood.gloucs.sch.uk

I'm so sorry that so many things seem to have had such a short turn around at the moment but I am confident that now we've got plans in place for the next five weeks things should be a little less 'last minute' next week.

Thank you for being so understanding and supportive – what a start to a new year for us all!!!
Stay well and I will be in touch again with more information early next week.

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