

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson

Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

4th May 2020

TO ALL OF YOU AT HOME

Dear Parents and Carers and Colleagues,

If you receive this letter your child will be in receipt of one in the next few days in the post from me to thank them for “staying home” and to flag up to them that Mr. Moore will be in touch about his behaviour reward system so we can award some serious bonus points for those working hard and being good at home.

Huge thanks of course to all of you and your families because through your efforts and sacrifice other people are safer.

I want the children and young people to have a very clear sense that they have made a really important contribution to the national effort to “save lives” and to “protect our NHS”; they have and are making a positive difference to other people’s lives.

There will be other sharing with them too about staying safe on the internet; something even more important at this time and to do their homework activities to the best of their ability but not to fall out with you over it and to be kind and to be safe.

I have noted before and acknowledge again the value of two or at most three hours a day of high quality work as opposed to a daily grind and battle with your children and celebrated too the cooking and cleaning and helping with DIY and walking the dog; in short being a helpful and considerate member of the family.

Each child, each family is different and your safety and happiness come first and I will support all of you in whatever you decide are the best rhythms and routines for you and your family.

Finally I want you to know how much everyone here respects and values what you are doing and it motivates us to work hard at school and at home to do our best too.

Many Thanks

Stay safe.

Michael MacCourt