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Dear Parents/Carers

When we return to school January, if your Year 7 child needs to isolate, they will be able to access live streams of their lessons going on in school.

Their teacher will be broadcasting the in-school lesson through Microsoft Teams. The lessons can be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone. We recommend using a computer where possible. Please make sure your child watches the video entitled **Live streams of lessons** so they understand how to take part:

<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/keep-up-with-your-learning-even-if-you-have-to-stay-at-home/>

Pupils will also be shown this video in assembly when they return to school in January.

In most cases, the live streamed lessons replace the weekly assignments we have been setting for your child's year group through Teams.

The exceptions to this are the **performance-based subjects (PE, dance, drama)** where a live stream would be of no or very limited use. Instead of live streams, your child will be able to access weekly assignments in these subjects, as they have been able to do so for the last several months. If they need a reminder on how to access this work, they can watch the **How To Use Our Remote Learning Platform (Teams)** video, which you can also find at the link above.

During practical lessons in **technologies subjects (art, food, textiles)** a live stream will take place. However, as we are sure you can appreciate, teachers will need to be vigilant in maintaining the safety of the classroom so it is unlikely that they will be able to check the in-lesson interactions of pupils at home. Where possible, resources will be uploaded online to support practical home learning (where safe) or an alternative task will be set.

It is important to note that, for all subjects, these are live streams of in-school lessons, not 'live lessons'. In all subjects, the teacher will be having to manage the learning of the pupils physically in front of them before attending to learners watching the stream at home.

If your child is ever unsure about what they need to be doing, all they need to do is contact their teacher. We strongly encourage them to send any work they produce to their teachers.

We do not envision any pupil misbehaving online. But if anyone does behave inappropriately they will be immediately removed from the lesson, you will be informed and your child will most likely be banned from future lessons. Teams is constantly being monitored and lessons may be recorded to make sure no one behaves inappropriately. Although any recordings will not be shared publicly, by participating in these streamed lessons your child is consenting to their typed chat comments and anything they say being recorded.



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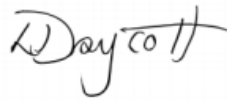
We will be registering pupils, so please support your child in not missing out on learning by making sure they are on Teams from the beginning of each lesson.

We know that some households may have computer and internet issues so please contact us if this applies to you: postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

If your child has any technical issues, including forgotten login details, please contact itsupport@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



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