

# Canon Barnett Primary School

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Dear Parents,

*I really cannot believe how the week has changed and that today we closed the doors at Canon Barnett until further notice for most of our families. The doors may be closed but the Canon Barnett community is very much open and I have been in touch with families to keep you updated on how we will continue to support you in your homes, here is a summary:*

- We will continue to send you WhatsApp messages
- Check the school website, the teachers will be uploading work (please be mindful that some of the teachers have families or they could be unwell so this will be at the rate that the teacher can work)
- We will provide you with email addresses so that you can email the class teacher
- Haleema and Inji will be in touch with families
- Sarah Jane will be in touch with families and can offer support
- Khalida will be reaching out to families
- We hope to set up a you tube channel so that teachers can post videos/learning
- There will be no Year 6 SATS this year, we will use teacher assessment instead – we will be in touch with more details soon

*School will remain open for pupils whose parents are key workers and pupils who may need some additional support. You will have been contacted by the school but if you do think you fall in to one of these categories then please call the school on 07508951637 or email [admin@canonbarnett.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@canonbarnett.towerhamlets.sch.uk) Please also look at the school website for up to date information [www.canonbarnett.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.canonbarnett.towerhamlets.sch.uk)*

*May I take this opportunity to say a humongous THANK YOU to all of the Canon Barnett staff, I am humbled by the generosity, compassion and determination all staff have shown this week to prepare for what is unprecedented and unknown territory. I never knew this would happen in my early experience of being a head teacher but I know that I feel so proud to lead such a special and warm school such as Canon Barnett, I am very fortunate.*

*Thank you families for all of your support, encouragement and well wishes – we look forward to seeing you soon. Please please ensure you follow government advice, to overcome this virus it is important that you follow the advice to slow down the spread, please respect and act on your social responsibility- if we all adhere to the government advice we can get back to school sooner.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Sarah Jane – Headteacher.*

### **Food bank – don't be afraid to ask for help!**

If you are a family in need of some food then we have food packages at Canon Barnett, please call or message 07508951637 to let us know so that we can arrange for you to come and collect or drop off to you if you are self-isolating. We are hoping to continue to offer this for some time so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If you are a family who receives a free school meal then the Local Authority are currently setting up a system that you will get free school lunches. Obviously, this takes a little bit of time to set up but please do not worry, this is going to be set up. I will keep you updated as soon as I know anything.

### **Talent Friday**

Thank you to Adyan for sharing his book about the secrets of transport in London, hopefully he has inspired children at Canon Barnett to make good use of their time over the coming weeks to research about an interesting topic and make a book or another project. I will be in touch with families to see if there are any talents we can share every Friday. Watch this space!



### **Certificates – School value this week was Respect**

Well done to Tayyibah, Zaahra, Rahat, Fawzia, Amandeep, Paromita, Nazeera, Ismail, Ameen, Keyaan, Sara and Ayaanah who all received a certificate this week for showing Respect. Next week the value focus will be *Resilience*. I will be contacting families to find out if they have any nominations to put forward for the certificate as I plan to still have a celebration time every Friday!

### **Please keep up to date with government advice**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>