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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to update you on the situation regarding home learning for our students here at Bardwell School, including some changes that we have made to our provision moving forwards.

Previously, we have been offering families weekly activity packs or plans for how students could work towards their outcomes in the home setting. This has been a class-by-class judgement, so you may in the past have worked through one or both of these approaches with your child. From this term onwards, we are solely focusing on the outcomes-based approach. This means that your child's class teacher will share with you a plan with suggestions for how your child can practise skills related to their EHCP outcomes at home. We have opted for this approach to ensure greater consistency for our students. We know that our students generally learn best when they are able to revisit familiar tasks over a longer period of time. This approach enables us to do just that and, through ongoing conversations with your child's class teacher, we can tailor the outcomes and support you and your child need as appropriate.

That said, we also understand that variety is important. To this end, we will be providing information for where families can locate resources and activity ideas online.

If your child is not in school at all throughout the course of a week, your child's class teacher will make contact with you to talk through your situation on a weekly basis. If students are in on a full- or part-time basis, your child's class teacher will keep in touch via the home-school diary and at least one phone call each half term.

We understand that everyone's situation will be different and families should not feel pressured to complete learning at home with their child. However, it is essential for us to provide as many opportunities as possible for our students to make some progress towards their outcomes throughout this situation.

If you would like any clarification about the content of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Miles-Clarke'.

Craig Miles-Clarke

Deputy Headteacher