



**BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents

**Remote Pastoral Care**

As we enter a phase of remote learning, we are fully aware of the challenges that this will present to our pupils and to you as parents. I want to reassure you that our pastoral teams here at Barney will be doing everything we can to guide, advise, support and coach our pupils through this period.

Tutors have been briefed on how to stay in contact with their tutees throughout this time. Using Microsoft Teams, they will keep in touch with their tutees, as well as being available for parents to contact via email, should you have any questions or concerns. PSHCEE delivery will continue and tutor groups will be able to meet online to discuss issues, topics and concerns with their tutor. Your child's Housemaster or Housemistress will also stay in close contact with your child and you throughout this time period.

This is an uncertain and anxious time for young people. Our message to your children is to remember **The 12 To Turn To**, the Barney support network that we highlight to them throughout the year. Our School Counsellor, Donna Thirling, will continue to keep in touch with those children who work with her and, should your child feel they would like to contact her, they or you may liaise with your child's Housemaster or Housemistress to arrange this.

Our Parents' Forums this year have promoted the message of clear, open communication with children and we would urge you to talk to your children about the COVID19 situation in a calm, reassuring manner. They will have questions about the situation and the immediate future and will need to feel reassured that they are not alone and that they have every support available to them. Please be reassured that you also have our full support and we will continue to communicate with you as the situation develops. If there is anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I wish you all the very best and send my kindest regards to you and your families

Peter Lavery  
Deputy Head (Pastoral)



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## **THE 12 TO TURN TO**

Something on your mind?

In addition to your **parents or family**, there are 12 additional routes that you can turn to if you have something you want or need to say about anything that concerns you:

**1. A Friend**

**2. Your Head of House**

**3. A Peer Supporter**

**4. Your Teacher**

**5. Your Tutor**

**6. Your Housemaster / Housemistress**

**7. A Member of the Senior Team,**

Mr Jackson, Headmaster; Mr Pepper, Second Master; Mr Lavery, Deputy Head (Pastoral);  
Dr Truss, Deputy Head (Academic) or Mr Cresswell, Deputy Head (Sixth Form)

**8. The School Counsellor, Mrs Thirling**

**9. The Independent Listener, Mrs Ewart (07810 087980)**

**10. The School Nurses, Mrs Robson & Mrs Farren**

**11. The Chaplain, Father Darren**

**12. Confidential Post Boxes**