



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter – 28.8.2020



Welcome Back to Brilliant Barwell Infants

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for making me feel welcome in my new role as Headteacher. I have enjoyed talking to many of you over the past two days. I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming weeks and months.



School Guidelines

I know that some of you will be anxious about your child returning to school this week. The Government have put together information to support you at this challenging time. This can be found at gov.uk/backtoschool. I have also attached the latest Government leaflet to this newsletter.

Please be assured that staff, led by Mrs Whittaker, have been working tirelessly getting the school ready for the children's return. Still, after reading the guidance you still may have unanswered questions so please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or catch me on the gate at either drop off or pick up times.

In short, each class will be a 'bubble', and different bubbles will not mix during the school day except in the assembly and lunch halls, where the two classes from a year group will be together but separated by an aisle of at least 2m.

Children **will not** have to social distance from other children who are in their bubble – this means that they can share desks and work and play together. Adults in the bubble must still follow social distancing guidelines whenever possible. Non-essential furniture and soft furnishings have been removed from the classrooms to

increase space and allow for effective cleaning. However, we have taken great care to ensure that the rooms look familiar and welcoming, so please do take a look at the photos on our school website.

Your child can bring essential items into school (book bag, lunch box etc.) but non-essential items must not be brought into school (**including no 'Show and Tell' items and no birthday sweets!**). As the drinking fountains are not in use at the moment, your child does need to bring a named water bottle to school each week. These will be kept in school and sent home again each Friday – we will, of course wash and refill the bottles every day.



Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

There will be a staggered start and end of the day for year groups (see times below). Only one adult is permitted to drop off and pick up their child and they will not be able to enter the school site (staff will be on hand to receive your child from the pavement). To maximise safety, it is essential that parents adhere to the time allocation. I thank you for this, and know you will appreciate just how challenging this is for the staff. So, for good reasons any children arriving late will only be allowed to come into school after all other bubbles have come in.

If you have children in more than one bubble, please arrive for the earliest time that is applicable to your children, and collect them at the latest time. We appreciate that staggered timings may be particularly problematic for registered childminders. If you use a registered childminder, please encourage them to email Mrs Whittaker with the details of the children in their care. We then need to make additional arrangements. Like us, our childminders have worked very hard throughout the pandemic to keep your children safe. We must support them as much as possible.



Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Y2 Mrs Chambers	8:50-9:00 Main Gate	2:50-3:00 Main Gate
Y2 Miss Slade	8:50-9:00 Bottom Gate (EYFS)	2:50-3:00 Bottom Gate (EYFS)
Y1 Mrs Kendrick	9:05-9:15 Bottom Gate (EYFS)	3:05-3:15 Bottom Gate (EYFS)
Y1 Mrs Whittaker	9:05-9:15 Main Gate	3:05-3:15 Main Gate
EYFS Miss Johnstone (From Monday 14 th September)	9:20-9:30 Main Gate	3:20-3:30 Main Gate
EYFS Mrs Robertson	9:20-9:30 Bottom Gate (EYFS)	3:20-3:30 Bottom Gate (EYFS)

PE Kit

PE lessons will take place outdoors and **your child needs to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.** PE kits should be trainers (not plimsolls), jogging bottoms or leggings, a T-shirt and a hoodie. Please do not send your child in shorts as they will be very cold wearing them for the full day.

The PE days are as follows:

EYFS: Active Ants = Tuesdays Busy Bees = Fridays

Year 1: Mrs Whittaker = Mondays Mrs Kendrick = Wednesdays

Year 2: Alternating Thursdays and Fridays - more details will follow.



School Dinners

Our head chef, Marie, and her team will be cooking hot meals in school each day. We will be staggering lunchtimes so that all of the children can eat in the dining hall. Each day there will be a set menu, as we are unable to offer the choices that we would usually offer. Details of each week's menu will be sent home and put on the school website for you to look at. **If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, please let the office know as soon as possible.** Once you have provided us with details of their allergy/intolerance, Marie will be happy to cook an alternative meal for them. Your child can of course bring a packed lunch if you prefer, but we really do encourage all of our families to take advantage of the high quality, healthy, free hot meals that we provide.



Breakfast

It is incredibly important that children receive the best start to the day. As you are aware, we have needed to slightly alter lunchtimes which has meant that some children are eating lunch at a much later time. Please can you ensure that your child eats breakfast every day before coming to school.



Bank Holiday

Just a quick reminder that next Monday 31st August is Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 1st September.



I will be aiming to produce a newsletter every few weeks to keep you updated with the exciting events that are happening in school, but if you do require any additional information at any time please see me at drop off and pick up times, or contact me through the office.

Finally, may I just add my thanks to all the staff here at Barwell for their work since the Pandemic took hold. I have been into school several times over the summer and I am truly impressed at all that has taken place to ensure your children are safe. In particular and on behalf of the governors, I wish to thank Mrs Whitaker who has led the team so well.

With my best wishes for another brilliant year here at Barwell.

Terena Moreton
Headteacher