



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



Wednesday 26th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good (if somewhat unusual) summer and we would like to thank you for following the updates on our school website. We have put in place the government recommendations and the staff are very excited about welcoming all of our children back.

Below is a summary of key arrangements that we have put in place. Many of these were shared with you before the summer holiday, but please read them carefully so that you are aware of any new arrangements.

Safety Measures in School:

- 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 facilitate effective cleaning. However, we have taken great care to ensure that the rooms look familiar and welcoming. You can see the photos on our 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 out of action, your child needs 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 each day.
- 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:

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| 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 | |

- All initial parent contact should be via telephone or email (if a face-to-face meeting is needed, we will contact you to arrange a suitable time).
- Additional cleaning will continue to take place during and at the end of each 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. 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 me with the details of the children in their care. Like us, our childminders have worked very hard throughout the pandemic to keep your children safe; and we are keen to support them as much as possible.

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| Year 2 – Mrs Chambers | 8:50 – 9:00 Main Gate | 2:50 – 3:00 Main Gate |
| Year 2 – Miss Slade | 8:50 – 9:00 Bottom Gate (EYFS) | 2:50 – 3:00 Bottom Gate (EYFS) |
| Year 1 – Mrs Kendrick | 9:05 – 9:15 Bottom Gate (EYFS) | 3:05 – 3:15 Bottom Gate (EYFS) |
| Year 1 – Mrs Whittaker | 9:05 – 9:15 Main Gate | 3:05 – 3:15 Main Gate |
| * EYFS – Miss Johnstone | 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) |

* These EYFS times are from Monday 14th September. Your child's class teacher will contact you over the next couple of weeks with your timings for the part-time phase.

Lunchtimes:

- Our head chef, Marie, and her wonderful team will be cooking hot meals in school each day.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered 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 before the week start.
- If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, please let the office know. 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 bring a packed lunch if you prefer, but we do encourage all of our families to take advantage of the high quality, healthy, free hot meals that we provide.

What would happen if we had a case of COVID-19 in School?

- It is essential that children, parents and adults DO NOT come to school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 (including a high temperature and a persistent dry cough).
- If your child displays symptoms whilst they are at school, we will contact you to collect them immediately – PLEASE ensure that we have your up to date contact details if you have changed your phone number recently.
- If your child is sent home with symptoms, we would ask you to arrange for them to be tested for COVID-19 and inform us of the results as soon as you have them. The rest of their class would continue to attend school as normal.
- If we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school (where a positive test result has been received), then their class bubble would be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The rest of your household will not need to isolate unless they start to develop symptoms also.
- Home learning will be set for all children who are self-isolating (whether it is an individual or a whole class bubble). School would liaise with parents to follow each child's progress. If your child is absent from school for other reasons or other illnesses, they will not be set home learning tasks.
- As the government is frequently updating this guidance, you can find the latest information on their website www.gov.uk/coronavirus

We understand that some families may feel a little anxious about returning to school, but please be reassured that we are carefully following guidance and putting a wide range of measures in place to make the school as safe as possible. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation carefully and follow government advice as it is released.

What we really want to do now is to get all of our children back into school so that they can be with their friends and socialise and learn together – this is important for their mental health as well as their academic progress.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Team Barwell



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Revised Term Dates for the Academic Year 2020/21

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| Autumn 1 36 school days | Thursday 27 th August 2020 | School opens for Year 1 & Year 2 |
| | Monday 31 st August 2020 | Bank Holiday |
| | Tuesday 1 st September 2020 | EYFS start part-time |
| | Monday 14 th September 2020 | EYFS start full-time |
| | Friday 16 th October 2020 | School closes for children |
| | Monday 19th – Friday 23rd Oct. | Half term break |
| Autumn 2 40 school days | Monday 26 th October 2020 | School opens for children |
| | Friday 18 th December 2020 | School closes for children |

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| Spring 1 29 school days | Tuesday 5 th January 2021 | School opens for children |
| | Friday 12 th February 2021 | School closes for children |
| | Monday 15th – Friday 19th Feb. | Half term break |
| Spring 2 25 school days | Monday 22 nd February 2021 | School opens for children |
| | Friday 26 th March 2021 | School closes for children |

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| Summer 1 33 school days | Monday 12 th April 2021 | School opens for children |
| | Monday 3 rd May 2021 | Bank Holiday |
| | Thursday 27 th May 2021 | School closes for children |
| | Friday 28th May – Friday 4th June | Half term break |
| Summer 2 25 school days | Monday 7 th June 2021 | School opens for children |
| | Friday 9 th July 2021 | School closes for children |

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| Staff Training Days: | Monday 24 th – Wednesday 26 th August 2020 Monday 4 th January 2021 Friday 28 th May 2021 |
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