



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



Wednesday 24th February 2021

Returning to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The times of the school day that were sent out yesterday (Tuesday 23 February) have been amended.

The original timings, with short drop off and collection times, were designed for the convenience of parents, including those who are key workers, and also to try to ensure that large parts of the day were not 'wasted'. We are very keen to see the children back in the classrooms, learning.

However, following helpful feedback from some parents we have decided to make some tweaks to the schedule. I appreciate those of you who have suggested changes. It is always good to receive your views.

So, taking these on board, we have tried to keep to the times that were allocated last term as best we can, as well as having a 5-minute window between each bubble. We shall monitor the situation over the first couple of weeks and make any changes after this period if we feel that it is necessary in order to keep the whole school community safe. Please do continue to let us have your views.

The revised timings are as follows:

Entry to School

- EYFS children to enter by the EYFS entrance at 9:20-9:30am.
- Y1 children to enter by the main school entrance at 9:05-9:15am.
- Y2 children to enter by the main school entrance at 8:50-9:00am.

Exit from School

- EYFS children to leave by the EYFS door at 3:20-3:30pm.
- Y1 children to leave by the main school entrance at 3:05-3:15pm.
- Y2 children to leave by the main school entrance at 2:50-3:00pm.

To make it as convenient as possible for Childminders, children can be dropped off at 8:50-9:00am at the main gate and collected at 3:20-3:30pm from the bottom gate. Can I politely remind you to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child and to try and remain socially distanced during this time.

General updates

- Children will be in year group bubbles. It is important for the mental health and well-being of the children to be able to mix with children within their year group. Having year group bubbles allows staff to be able to move between the two classrooms. This means that our many interventions and catch-up programmes, involving many staff, can be effective. Only by doing this can we ensure that children are making maximum progress and that any gaps in the children's learning are closed.
- We do require the children to return in full school uniform. Due to ventilation requirements the school building can get rather chilly so please ensure that your child is dressed warmly with lots of layers. An additional fleece/jumper may also be a good idea.
- You will be told via Class Dojo when your class PE day is, please send your child to school in PE kit for that day.
- Lunch menus will continue to be put on Class Dojo and the school website.
- School milk and fruit will start again from Monday 8th March, this will mean that children will not need to bring any additional snack into school.
- Any important messages will also be sent out on Class Dojo.

We do of course understand that some children may be feeling apprehensive about returning to school after such an extended absence. Please be assured that the focus after the children return will be on re-establishing school routines and a range of mental health and well-being activities.

It is an understatement to say that the staff are very much looking forward to all the children returning to school on Monday 8th March.

With very best wishes

Terena Moreton
Headteacher