



Barton
Junior School

3rd December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Following the government announcement that we are now in Tier 3, I can confirm that there are no changes to the way in which we are operating at the moment.

Please follow this link for the Government guidance about Tier 3

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

We do strongly urge all parents to wear facemasks on school site when picking up and dropping children off and to keep socially distanced from other families when collecting children.

Please help us to keep the school community safe.

Your child should not be attending school if anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms or if anyone in your household is waiting for the results of a coronavirus test. Thank you so much for sticking with this as we believe this has helped us to keep our school community safe.

So far, we have only had to close one bubble down for a short period of time.

Although we are not complacent and continue to be vigilant with our health and safety procedures.

Please follow this link for advice regarding coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronaviruscovid-19/>

Please can we remind you that children should not be meeting up outside of school or visiting each other's houses under the restrictions. Children should not be walking to or from school with other children from different classes either as this could mean further bubble closures should there be a positive test result. We also advise that children walking home from school go straight home.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Remote learning

For all children self-isolating, please access the weekly learning timetable via our school website <https://www.bartonjuniorschool.org/> and go to the Remote Learning tab. You will find all plans and resources for your child's year group there. This will enable them to complete their schoolwork.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher via the Dojo system. If you do not have access to this, please contact the school office.

It is important that the children complete as much work as they can during the time they are off. Their teachers have set the work and are available to chat with throughout the day.

Brexit

With the 31st December fast approaching, there may be a need to give regular updates on how this may initially affect our local area. I am also attaching a poster with information you may find helpful.

Activity dates

Friday 4th December – Non-Uniform Day

Non-school uniform in return for a donation of bottles or toiletries for our Christmas hampers. We will be extremely grateful for whatever you can manage but it is not compulsory.

Raffle tickets have been sent out. If you require any more, please message the class teacher through the Dojo or contact the office.

Online Pantomime

Sadly, our annual trip to the Marlowe has been cancelled this year, however we have booked an exciting online Panto for all year groups. The children will be watching this in their bubbles and will be able to interact safely. We will be asking for a £1 donation and children will be able to bring a snack of either crisps or popcorn for the performance. The dates are;

Year 3 – Tuesday 8th December

Year 6 – Wednesday 9th December

Year 5 – Thursday 10th December

Year 4 – Friday 11th December

A reminder will be sent out next week.

Friday 11th December - Christmas Hamper Prize Draw

This year the children will draw the raffle in school time and we will announce the winners via Parentmail. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets in time.

Tuesday 15th December - Live Christmas online Concert

We have the pleasure of watching a live Christmas Concert courtesy of the irock team. This will take place in school during the afternoon.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner day

Christmas dinner information will follow separately. We will have our annual Christmas jumper day also on this day. Children can wear a festive top in place of their school jumper.

Thursday 17th December – Barton’s Got Talent and Class parties

We will be holding our annual Barton’s Got Talent show online this year. Children will audition in their class bubbles and the show will be broadcast around the school.

As we are not able to hold school discos this year, we will be holding class parties. Your child’s teacher will contact you via Dojo with further information regarding party food.

Children can wear party clothes to school on this day.

Friday 18th December – End of Term

School will finish after lunch and there is no After School Club available. Staggered finish times will apply.

Year 3 – 12:30

Year 4 – 12:35

Year 5 – 12:40

Year 6 – 12:45

Monday 4th January 2021 – First day of Term 3

Term 3 starts – Staggered start and finish times will apply.

As ever, we do all we can to keep your children and the whole school community safe and well. I would like to thank you all for supporting us through this difficult time and to remind you that we are here for you all.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or on barton@barton.dfamat.com . Please do keep in touch, it is important that we are kept updated on families with symptoms or who are isolating. Many thanks.

We are looking forward to the next two weeks at school with the children and will do our utmost to ensure the children have a lovely end to this term.

Best Wishes

Melanie O’Dell
Headteacher