



Barton
Junior School

8 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to you all today! It was so lovely to see all the happy faces this morning of both children and parents! We have had fantastic attendance today so I would like to thank you all. I know this is not easy and that some of you are anxious about the children being in school, so I am grateful that you have sent them in. They have all had a lovely day.

Covid 19

Schools opening today is the first step to some normality, however, I must remind you that we still need to follow the rules regarding restrictions. Please wear masks and socially distance on the playground.

Households should not be mixing, and children should not be out playing with their friends outside of the school environment. Please continue to follow all of the Government guidelines to enable us all to get back to normal in the quickest time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM GOV.UK

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- Through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- By collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- By ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Please also be aware that our school staff are testing twice a week and a positive result could lead to a bubble closure.

Laptops

If your child borrowed a laptop during lockdown, please can it be returned to school tomorrow? Many thanks

School uniform

I realise that children will have grown since December and that shoes may not fit at the moment. Children may wear dark coloured trainers until you are able to purchase new.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email on barton@barton.dfamat.com or telephone the office if you require any support. If we cannot help, we can usually signpost you to someone who can.

Yours sincerely

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