



Barton
Junior School

26th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

As you are aware, we have had two confirmed positive cases in our school community within the last week.

I must reassure you that we are following all advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England, and the decisions we make are following their advice.

It is so important for us all to follow the rules both in school and outside of school, in order to keep our school community safe. Please continue to wear a mask on the school premises and keep 2 meters apart from each other. I urge you not to mix with others outside of your family bubble as this will lead to the increased spread of the virus.

When the second national lockdown ends next week, we will know which Tier we will be placed in and what restrictions to expect. Again, I urge you all to follow the rules to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

If any members of your family have symptoms, they must seek a test and the family must isolate until a negative test is achieved. If the result is positive, the whole family must isolate.

Children should not be meeting up outside of school or visiting each other's houses under the restrictions. We advise that children walking home from school go straight home.

If you are unsure about what to do in any circumstances, please contact us either via telephone or email and we will do our best to advise you.

Thank you for your continued 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.

Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day

This Friday is non-school uniform day in return for a donation of biscuits, sweets or chocolate for our Christmas hampers, if you are able to. I understand that this is an extremely trying time and there is no expectation that you must send your child in with anything.

Friday 4th December – Non-Uniform Day

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

We will be sending out raffle tickets in the next week or so for the Christmas Hamper Raffle which is taking place instead of the Christmas Market.

Christmas dinner information will also follow, along with other activities we have got planned for Christmas.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed at all over the past few months, your child may be entitled to free school meals.

To apply for Free School meals please visit – <https://www.kent.gov.uk/> and go to the school meals section.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

We will be providing food hampers for children who are isolating and entitled to free school meals and are waiting for details of how you will receive vouchers for the Christmas holidays.

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 made aware of anybody with symptoms, who is isolating not linked through school or test results as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher