



Barton
Junior School

4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday 8th March All Children Return to School

Following the Government Announcement on Monday 22nd February, we will be opening school to all pupils on Monday 8th March. All home learning will cease apart from homework as all learning will take place in school. We are so excited to welcome our children back as we have missed them so much and look forward to having everyone back together again. Thank you to all of you that emailed questions about re-opening. Please see below for further information.

The times of the school day will be staggered as before to allow for social distancing.

Year 3 08:30 – 14:30

Year 4 – 08:40 – 14:40

Year 5 – 08:50 – 14:50

Year 6 09:00 – 15:00

Children must be dropped off promptly and picked up promptly.

If you have more than one child at the school bring all of your children in at the earliest start time and collect them at the latest finish time

Breakfast club will be available from 08:00hrs for working parents.

Please phone the office if you have not been able to book your child in via the usual booking system. All children in breakfast club will be kept in their year group bubbles.

After school club **is not** in operation this term.

Social Distancing and Wearing of Masks

All parents and carers collecting or dropping off children must wear facemasks when on the premises. If you are unable to wear a face covering please wear a face shield. We ask that parents keep younger siblings with them at all times and that social distancing takes place on the playground and when exiting and entering the school. Together we can continue to keep our school community safe. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Loan Laptops

When your child returns to school, they must also return the laptop that was issued for home learning. Please bring these into the classroom where your child's class teacher will ensure that the agreement is updated to say you have returned them.

School Dinners

Free-school meal vouchers will end as soon as all children are back in school from 8th March. Our kitchen will be open as usual and our menu will be emailed to you this this week.

School uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in uniform each day. We are continuing with polo shirts, jumpers, skirts or trousers for the rest of this year.

Your child must come into school in PE kits on their PE days. These are

Monday – Year 6

Tuesday – Year 3

Wednesday – Year 4

Thursday – Year 5

We will do PE outside as much as possible so please ensure your child has warm PE kit including jogging bottoms and a warm tracksuit top or jumper (school jumper is acceptable).

Children should not bring in school bags this term, only water bottles and packed lunch if they have it.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2021

Class teachers have sent links to lots of ideas for activities for World Book Day. Please do your best to complete some and don't forget to send in your answers to the Reader behind the Voice quiz.

Multicultural Arts Week

Next week we will be settling back into school with activities from around the world. The children will be looking at other cultures and completing many activities related to these countries through cooking, dancing, singing and art work. Unfortunately, we will not be able to get together to celebrate our work, however we will post pictures and videos of the children throughout the week.

Covid Testing

I must remind you that all school staff are taking Covid tests twice weekly. If anyone tests positive we will have to close bubbles as before, and this applies to any positive cases throughout the school. It is imperative that you do not send your child in to school if they are unwell or if they have come into contact with anyone with Covid.

Resources to promote and support children and young people's mental wellbeing:

[MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health](#), which is relevant for parents and carers as well as volunteers, teachers, and other professionals working with children

- the [Every Mind Matters](#) platform which supports looking after your own and other's mental health

- [guidance on looking after wellbeing and mental health](#) during the coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak
- [guidance on supporting children's wellbeing and mental health](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email barton@barton.dfamat.com if you have any further questions about next week.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes

Melanie O'Dell