



St Barnabas CE Primary School

*Preparing for a positive future,
achieved through faith*

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Re: Arrangements for the re-opening of school to all pupils

Dear Parents and families,

I am very excited about welcoming all the children back to school next week. Everyone in school has worked incredibly hard to make the school environment as safe as it possibly can be. We will continue to implement the strict control measures we have put in place to create the safest environment possible for children and staff.

We require parents to:

- Ensure that your child attends school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on your child's education, wellbeing and wider development. School attendance is mandatory and it is your duty, as parents and carers, to secure your child's regular attendance at school.
- If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they **must not** come into school and should self-isolate immediately, along with the rest of the household. You can and should get a COVID-19 PCR test for your child by booking online NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or by telephone via NHS 119 and we require you to inform school of the test result immediately.
- If another member of the household displays symptoms, your child must self-isolate, along with the rest of the household, until the person with symptoms has a negative test result or at the end of the self-isolation period if the test is positive.
- If your child has contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, either in school or outside of school, they must self-isolate for 10 days. We will inform you of any positive cases within school.
- **Parents/carers - please wear face coverings** when you are on the school premises and do not gather at entrances, gates or doors; please leave the school premises promptly after drop off and pick up.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times. Please ensure that your child remains with you and does not mix with children from other bubbles during drop off and pick up times. Also, please do not let your child use playground or nursery equipment at these times.
- Please pay promptly via ParentPay for school dinners, breakfast and link club if you wish to use these services.
- Please adhere to your child's drop-off and pick up times in order to minimise the number of people on the school premises.

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Family Name	Drop Off	Collection
A – H	8:40	3:00
I – P	8:50	3:10
Q - Z	8:55	3:15

What your child needs to do:

- Children need to wear the correct school uniform, which includes black shoes (**no trainers please**).
- Children are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle to school with their name on it (for water only – **not juice**). School water bottles are available to purchase from the office for £2 each.
- Children must return their reading book to school on the day their teacher asks them to.
- Children must come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days - PE kits should include the school logo PE top and shorts, black or navy joggers or leggings and a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Older children can bring a spare polo shirt to change into after PE if they wish to. Your child's classteacher will you inform children about PE days.
- Children in primary schools are **not** required to wear face coverings, as stated in the Department for Education guidance.

What we will do:

- Support your child's safe return to school, focussing on wellbeing and re-establishing positive routines.
- Provide a broad and ambitious curriculum in all subjects, retaining the same amount of teaching and learning time each day.
- Organise children and staff into class bubbles, keeping bubbles apart where possible, including playtimes and lunchtime.
- Advise staff and adult visitors in school to wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible.
- Encourage all school staff to continue to self-test routinely, using Lateral Flow Devices, as part of the asymptomatic testing programme.
- Arrange classrooms to support distancing, which will include seating children side by side and facing forward, similarly to the Autumn Term.
- Ensure that children wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly, at regular times during the school day (including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating).
- Promote good respiratory hygiene.
- Keep classrooms and other spaces well ventilated.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Take prompt action if a child or member of staff becomes unwell or has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- Provide children with clear rules and routines to maintain safety around school.
- Resume provision of hot dinners for children who have a school dinner.
- Continue to provide Breakfast and Link Club provision, offering the same sessions as the Autumn Term, with control measures in place.
- Provide remote education provision to children who are self-isolating.

- Following current guidance, we will not arrange educational visits or host any performances with an audience.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to St. Barnabas on Monday 8th March.
Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hodgkinson
Headteacher