



Barns Green Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

COVID-19 updates

There is a *lot* of information to convey. Please forgive the bullet points.

Cold and flu season

- It is not always clear whether a cough is the result of a cold or COVID-19.
- It is possible that a child with a seasonal cough could see their whole household isolating for 14 days – longer if they pass it onto their siblings.
- Please do not **send your child into school if they are displaying symptoms of a heavy cold**. If they are constantly sneezing, coughing or need to continuously wipe their nose, then please keep them at home. Such absences *will be authorised*. Ignoring this will increase the possibility of other families having to isolate unnecessarily.
- Keep them at home until the symptoms have lessened.

Social distancing - reminders

- Try to keep at least 2 metres away from people you do not live with.
- Do not go beyond the hedges around the classroom. This allows room for children to enter and exit the classroom without breaching social distancing.
- 1 adult on site per family group.
- Teachers not available for communication. Pass messages on via the teacher on duty (usually Mr Simmons) or email the school office.
- If you are picking up children in Squirrel, Hedgehog or Dormouse stay off the playground until 3:20.
- Gates from Hordens/Two Mile Ash will be opened at 8:35.



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Reading books

- These will be coming home from Monday. All books will be quarantined for 72 hours on return before being used again.

School bags

- We are trying to minimise the number of items that travel between home and school. Please only send your child with the *smallest bag possible*.

Hand sanitiser

- Local Authority states that hand sanitiser in Primary Schools is covered by the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations. The risks include ingestion and eye irritation. **Children should not be bringing their own hand sanitizer into school.**

PE kit

- On PE days, pupils may wear black or navy jogging bottoms and a black or navy sweat-top over their PE kit.

Before/after school clubs

- Our safety plan for clubs identifies the need for a minimum of 2 adults per club. There will be no before school club or Lego club until the government guidelines change.
- We will consider running clubs by external providers (Sports, Art, Music, etc.) from the start of next term.

Singing

- New government guidelines allow us to reinstate singing in classrooms.

Home learning

- <https://www.barnsgreen.org.uk/home-learning/>

Thank you for taking the time to digest the above.

Stay safe,

Simon Simmons
Headteacher

Coronavirus (COVID-19) reminder

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Key messages

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- Ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.