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Important notice

School will be closed from tomorrow, 15th December 2020 until the end of term for all children.

Dear Parent or Carer,

This is not the end of term letter I wanted to write having come so close to the end of term with very minimal COVID disruption.

Unfortunately, today, we have had two confirmed staff cases of COVID-19 within school and have been working closely with Trafford Public Health team to manage this risk.

We have identified all those who have been in close contact with the cases and recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 10 days after their last contact. However, what this means is that key staff are unavailable at the school and therefore due to business continuity reasons, including health and safety and safeguarding, we cannot adequately staff the school.

Whilst we know that this will be inconvenient for many of you, I am sure you will understand that the decision has been made in the best interests and safety of our children, families and staff at this unprecedented time.

Home Learning

Learning for the children will continue with home learning packs and through our online learning platform ClassDojo.

Continued Contact Tracing

It will be more important than ever to be watchful for symptoms and we ask that you continue to contact school if your child tests positive via the school office admin@bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, you whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres.

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Free School Meals

If your child is on free school meals you will be issued with a £15 supermarket voucher for over the Christmas period, this will be emailed to parents tomorrow. If your child is on FSMs and you would like sandwiches provided for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday whilst school is closed then please contact the school office by telephone or email admin@bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk by the end of today please.

It has been a challenging year and we all hope that you have a safe and restful festive break.

Please take care,

Mr. Beswick
Executive Headteacher



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Challenge the ordinary
Promote individuality
Be advocates for change

