

Barton Clough Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Only one more week to go with remote learning and we can't wait to see all the children back where they belong.

From **Monday 8th March** we will welcome back all children in all year groups. All though infection rates are dropping significantly, the numbers still remain high. Our risk assessment still requires that everyone follows agreed steps to reduce the risk of transmission at school and within our community.

Therefore the following measures will need to be adhered to as the children return:

- Staggered drop-off and pick-ups
- 1 adult to accompany the children only
- All adults to wear a mask on the school site

Whilst the children are in school our risk assessment requires the following actions:

- Children remain in class bubbles
- Regular hand cleaning
- Enhanced cleaning of communal spaces and regular touch zones eg door handles
- Playtime and dinner breaks taken in separate bubbles
- Windows open to ensure a regular change of air
- Children to come to school on a Friday in their PE kit

Uniform

Children must wear school uniform. We are aware that school shoes may now need to be changed due to growing feet and so, for the rest of this academic year, we are happy for children to come to school in trainers.

Attendance

Although I am sure that this will not be an issue it is important to make clear that from Monday 8th March **attendance at school is compulsory**. It will be very important that your child is in school regularly and on time.

Staff LF Testing

As a staff we will continue with our twice-weekly 'Lateral Flow Testing' regime. This is just for staff as primary school children are not tested. The LFT helps to find asymptomatic cases (infected but with no symptoms) and cut out another transmission opportunity.

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Bubble Closures

As you will be aware March 8th is not the end of the pandemic and when there is a confirmed case in school there will still be inevitable bubble closures. We will keep you informed of any new cases following advice and guidance from Trafford Public Health.

Preparation for Return

It is likely that your child's routine has changed during the lockdown and you may need to use this week to prepare them for the early mornings in readiness for Monday. Good luck!

Start and End of the Day Timetable

We will continue to open our school playground gates at 8:30am each morning to allow for a staggered drop off. The gates will close at 9am.

Please see and adhere to the staggered pick up times for each year group. It is vital that we do as much as we can to limit the amount of people in the playground and on the paths at any one time. Please do not arrive early for your allotted time slot.

Class	Teacher	Pick-up	Where?
Year 6	Miss Higgins	3pm	KS2 Playground
Year 5	Miss Race	3pm	KS2 Playground
Year 4	Mr Jones	3:10pm	KS2 Playground
Year 3	Miss North	3:10pm	KS2 Playground
Year 2	Mr Hinton	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year 1	Miss Ball	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year R/1	Miss Hulme	3:15pm	Year R/1 Classroom
Acorn	Mrs Mitchell	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Oak	Miss Donoghue	3:15pm	KS2 Playground

Finally, we will be sending out a short questionnaire this week that will help us to better understand your child's lockdown experience and support their transition back to full-time education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Beswick

Executive Headteacher

