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Dear Parents/Carers,

The pupils from Yew Tree Class have settled very well to their new routines and this week we welcome them in to school full-time.

With COVID-19 cases rising nationally, we ask that you remain vigilant by following the guidance and the school's Risk Assessment. Any visitors should arrive by appointment only; they are required to wear masks, use hand sanitizer and socially distance. Please do not send children into school if they are ill and refer to the guidance if symptoms are shown. The increasing number of cases is a concern. Obviously we have no control over local decisions in the event of closure. However, please do everything possible to help keep Barrow 1618 school open for as long as possible.

Some things don't change and there have been a few cases of head-lice which have been reported so please check your child's hair and carry out treatment before sending them back to school. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

As we seem to be racing through this half-term, please note the term dates for this academic year:

Autumn Half-term ends: 16/10/2020
Autumn second Half-term begins: 02/11/2020
Autumn Term ends: 18/12/2020
PD Day: 04/01/2021
Spring Term begins: 05/01/2021
Spring Half-term ends: 12/02/2021
PD Day: 22/02/2021
Spring second Half-term begins: 23/02/2021
Spring Term ends: 01/04/2021
PD Day: 02/04/2021
Summer Term begins: 19/04/2021
Bank Holiday: 03/05/2021
Summer Half-term ends: 28/05/2021
PD Day: 07/06/2021
Summer second Half-term begins: 08/06/2021
Summer Term ends: 21/07/2021
PD Day: 22/07/2021

We will shortly provide you with information about events that are planned to take place this term; unfortunately, some of the usual events will not be able to happen due to current restrictions. The guidance continues to change and this makes planning anything in the long term difficult at the moment. Any plans that are made would be liable to change for these reasons. We appreciate your understanding.

There have been a growing number of pupils requesting sandwiches from the kitchen. As previously stated, these need to be pre-ordered by email to the school office before Friday of the week before. Only packed lunches that have been pre-ordered can be provided.

On a lighter note, looking to the future, I have heard that there are many of you with a great deal to contribute in terms of expertise. Although care provided after school cannot currently be in the form of clubs, we are looking for parents/carers or members of the wider community who could help us run them in the – hopefully not too distant – future! We would love to know who our photographers are for help in developing our website. We also want to make the absolute most of our wonderful outdoor environment. In fact, there are so many interests and skills which you may have to offer that we could utilise as a school if you were willing to help. Please email me with information about any of your interests/skills that you think could be of benefit to our school and I will get in touch with you in due course.

Finally, please ensure all forms and agreements are returned to the office by the end of this week at the latest.

As a school, we are excited about moving forwards together by keeping our community safe and our pupils educated. Thank you again for all you do that contributes to the well-being of our Barrow family.

Yours sincerely

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)

