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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year on behalf of all of the staff at Barby. I hope that you have had the opportunity to relax and to connect with those dear to you in spite of the challenges that we all face at the moment.

Thank you for all of the kind gifts, cards, thoughts and wishes that you have sent to us all. They really are appreciated.

It was very hard not having been able to be at school last term; I am glad to be beginning to get back to more normal health now. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bolton and the staff team at Barby who worked tirelessly to ensure that the school continued to run smoothly and care for our children in the very best ways possible during my absence.

Welcoming New Staff

We welcome Mrs Amanda Cation to our Conkers class and Mrs Carla Bennett to our Oaks class. Both teachers are keen to meet you and your children.

I am sure that you will be very keen to introduce yourselves and to meet our new teachers but must ask that, in the interests of safety, your greetings are kept socially distanced and as brief as possible. If you would like time to speak to your child's class teacher, please make contact through the school office using the Admin@barby.northants.sch.uk email address.

School Opening Arrangements

As you will be highly aware, the rise in rates of Covid-19 continues. Government advice remains that most primary schools should **open to pupils on Tuesday 5th January as planned**. Our plan is for this to happen and for school to resume with necessary safety measures in place.

We are aware that this is a rapidly changing situation; our ability to remain open to all children may change if government advice changes or if staff are affected by the illness. We will endeavour to advise you of any changes in a timely manner and to make provision for all children whether in school or at home to enable effective continuity in learning.



With the new strain of Covid being prevalent and its rapid rates of transmission being a new risk, it is increasingly necessary for us to maintain tight bubbles within our community. This means that we can no longer use members of staff to cross different bubbles.

In order to provide our staff with their required PPA (Planning Preparation and Assessment) time, it is necessary for us to close the school at 12 noon on Fridays for the foreseeable future. This allows all of our staff their PPA time without the need for adults covering different classes so reducing the risk of cross-contamination between bubbles. **This arrangement, which will commence this Friday 8th January**, helps to keep our children and staff safe and the school remain open.

Each Friday, children will be provided with their school lunch if booked to take home to eat. They will also be provided with home learning tasks for the Friday afternoon session.

As in previous school closures, vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers (see classification below) will be able to remain at school on a Friday afternoon, remaining within their class bubble. These children will be supervised by their class Teaching Assistant and will access the home learning that has been provided for their peers.

If you would like to be considered for a Critical Worker place for your child (Friday pm) please contact the school office who will provide further information.

Children leaving school between 12 noon and 12.15pm should be collected from their classroom door as per the usual end of day arrangements. Please be prompt in collecting your children by 12.15pm.

Remote and Live Learning

Should a bubble be forced to close or for any reason, the school have to close completely, we will move to remote and live learning provision.

You will need to have access to the Class Dojo site through which you will be able to access and share pupils' work and feedback.

Please see the attached document for instructions on how to access the Class Dojo system. Please ensure that you have set this up as Class Dojo will provide our main means of communication between home and school for teachers.

Reception Class will communicate entirely through the Tapestry platform. We are aware that a number of parents have not yet registered with Tapestry; please ensure that this is done as a matter of urgency.

Updated Personal Details

Please could we ask that you ensure any changes of personal details (email, telephone, address) are shared with the office as soon as possible in case of the need to contact you at short notice. Please also ensure that any changes to second emergency contact details are also updated. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Covid-19 Safety Measures

We will continue with our established Covid-19 safety measures within the school day, we would be grateful if you would take a little time to remind your children of the need for social distancing and of good hygiene practices before they return to school.



Appropriate Clothing

In spite of the temperature, we will be following government guidance in ensuring that classroom doors and windows are opened throughout the day to allow good ventilation of shared spaces. Please ensure that your children wear warm clothing and layers that can be added/taken off as necessary. With doors and windows open at different points during the day, the classrooms may be cooler than usual.

Please also ensure that your child has adequate warm clothing for undertaking PE outdoors (this will go ahead in most weathers so joggers/hoodies/sweatshirts and strong trainers are recommended). We also ask that your child wears a warm, where possible waterproof, coat to school so that they can access the playground at break and lunch times.

Changes to PE Days

Please note the changes to PE days for this term as below.

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on PE days.

Acorns - Wednesday

Conkers – Wednesday and Thursday

Silver Birches – Tuesday and Thursday

Horse Chestnuts – Monday and Tuesday

Oaks – Monday and Wednesday

Safety Measures when dropping off/collecting children

Please could we ask parents to be vigilant in observing our safety measures when dropping off and collecting your children from school:

- Please do not come onto the school site if you display any of the symptoms of Covid-19 or have been advised to isolate
- Only one family member should access the site to collect/drop off children
- Please wear a mask/face covering when on school site
- Please observe social distancing measures
- Please use our one-way system at all times
- Please avoid walking in with friends, we ask that you distance your family from others where possible
- Please be as swift as possible in dropping off/collecting your child and leaving the school site
- Please contact the school office by telephone or by email with queries or requests to speak to your child's teacher. Teachers will not be able to discuss matters with you at drop-off collection times but will call you as soon as practically possible if this is required.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

These measures are solely in place to protect our community members; I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support in ensuring this.



Wrap Around Care

We continue to offer Breakfast Club and After school provision; please ensure that this is pre-booked. We cannot guarantee allocations of places for same-day bookings. After School Club on a Friday afternoon will be limited to those children of Critical Workers remaining in school.

School Lunches

Please ensure that if your child requires a school lunch that it is booked in advance and at latest by 8.30 am on the day that it is required.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a clearly named water bottle, this can be refilled throughout the day to ensure that your child has plenty of water to drink throughout the day as well as with their school lunch.

Roadworks

We have been made aware that a fibre broadband contractor will be working in the village and from tomorrow there will be 4-way traffic lights at the crossroads by the cricket pitch. This work will move day by day through the village with two way controls being put in place. After some discussion they have agreed to by-pass the school during the week and carry out the work outside the school site over a weekend period. This does mean however that the main road through the village is likely to be very busy for the next few weeks while this work is underway. Please take extra care while this work is on-going and if you can walk to school please do so. For those parents who have to drive, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

We understand that this is a concerning time for many families, we will do our utmost to ensure that your children are safe in school and that their education provision is continuous and consistent. We are reviewing our risk assessments to ensure that all appropriate and necessary safety and hygiene measures are implemented.

We will endeavour to inform you of any changes in as timely manner as is possible. Please be reassured that, whilst we carry out the necessary planning and reviewing of procedures, the safety of our whole school community continues to be paramount.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your support in keeping our community safe.

With kind regards,

Sally Beaton

Headteacher



Barby CE Primary School – Critical Worker Provision (Friday afternoons)

Please see below the Government’s list of Critical Workers.

Please note that we will make provision for **children of Critical Workers** who have to attend their workplace and/or who have no other means of looking after their children at home. **If your partner is at home, please do not request a place.**

GOV.UK List of Critical Workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK’s health and social care sector; those working as part



of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing



- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response



- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

