



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Now we have finished yet another very busy year at our school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued support and share with you some of our school achievements; challenges we've faced as well as outline some of the developmental priorities for our school, in the next academic year.

This year has proved to be another very challenging year: returning to school in September 2021, living alongside COVID and trying our very best to minimise the impact of the pandemic on our school, our pupils and our wider school family.

I am very proud of how the school staff have pulled together, supporting our pupils on their return and throughout this year as we watch 'life slowly returning to normal.'

Despite the challenges faced, the children, staff and school have excelled at a time of adversity. This year, we have seen the re-introduction of:

- **Extra-Curricular Activities.** This year we have seen pupils, staff and coaches enjoy leading opportunities for the benefit of our children with 42 clubs being ran in the Summer term alone!
- **External Sporting Competitions.** This year we have continued to encourage all our children to be as involved as they would like to be in a whole range of sporting competitions e.g. Football, Cricket, Rounders, Netball, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Dance etc

As a result of all this hard work, we have enjoyed much success this year:

- Increase of competitions and sporting opportunities for all
- Increase of pupils acting as Pupil Leaders
- 1st Place – Large School Swimming Gala
- 2nd Place – Y3 & 4 Cross Country Running
- 2nd Place – Large School's Athletics
- 2nd Place – Netball
- Platinum School Games Mark Award

In addition, we have enjoyed:

- **Visits** to enhance learning opportunities for the children. This has included visiting Flag Fen-Y3 & 4, Kingswood-Y4, Space Centre-Y5 & 6 and London-Y6;
- **Visitors** to school. This year we have enjoyed visits from Roots to Food, Mathmagic, various parents supporting the curriculum and visits as well as various personnel from Inspire+ and many more.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school community working together and relies heavily on expertise from school staff and parental support.

I would particularly like to thank all school staff; both those who have been with us for many years, and those who have joined us more recently, for their hard work, commitment, and dedication throughout the past year and during this very difficult time.

I would also like to thank our Governors, for their commitment to our school, and, our parents, as well as [FOBS](#) for their continued enthusiasm and support and, of course, our children.

Our thanks must go to our current Year 6 children for their contribution towards school life. They have been exemplary role models for our younger children, during these uncertain times. I am so pleased that they were able to enjoy their last year uninterrupted and that we were able to facilitate the traditional 'end of year' events for them.



This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift' through the Bi-Annual Christmas Fair and Gala Dinner will be used to further enhance our school grounds with the possible installation of a long jump pit-more to follow on this. The children raised in excess of £1000 for their Legacy Gift, thank you.

Well done guys and thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work and effort this year. Good luck to all of you, as you continue on your educational journey, at your Secondary School.

Next year, we welcome 34 Reception pupils and their families.

All school children will return to school on Tuesday 6th September. When arriving in September, please ensure that children have the appropriate uniform:

Girl's Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt (round neck) or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Mid-grey skirt or Pinafore dress
- Medium grey tights or white knee length socks
- Flat/low heeled black shoes for indoor use (not trainers)

Options:

- Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored trousers. Other styles (including legging-style trousers) will not be permitted.

Boys' Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt (round neck)
- White polo shirt
- Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored trousers with no external pockets on the legs i.e. not 'Cargo style'
- Grey/black socks
- Black shoes for indoor use (not trainers)

Please be reminded **earrings are not permitted**, and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school.

We will continue to encourage parents to queue down either the Church Path or School Path when dropping off or picking up their children, in order to reduce congestion at the front of the school:

- **Reception/Key Stage 1 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the Church Path and exit through the car park; and
- **Key Stage 2 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the pedestrian path and exit through the car park. Please do not walk over the grass/lawned areas when leaving the school.

Please wait in these designated areas and not at the front of the school. If you have both younger and older children we would suggest that the older children should be taken with you to the Church Path so that you can supervise the children, as you wait to take your children in. Once the younger children have been dropped off you can then walk through the car park and drop the older children off. **No children should be left unsupervised at the beginning of the school day.**

This summer, our Caretaker has installed more cycle racks at the Key Stage 2 entrance/exit as well as brand new scooter racks at both entrances/exits that the children use. This was part of last year's Legacy Gift, in attempt to encourage more children to cycle, scooter and walk to and from school.

This means that more bikes and scooters can be left securely on the school premises during the school day. This year, our Year 5 children-soon to be Year 6 in September 2022-completed their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability awards. If parents are happy for their children to ride to school, they can complete a request form notifying the school of their intention to allow their children to ride to school either unsupervised or supervised on a bicycle, available [HERE](#). It would be lovely to see more of our children travelling to and from school on their bikes:

- Year 6 – after completing their Bikeability and parents are happy for them to do so may cycle unsupervised to and from school;
- Reception to Year 5 – should be accompanied by an adult when cycling/scootering to and from school until such a time they have completed the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability Award.



Moving forward we look to welcome all children back to school in September.

Please be reminded that **it is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.** Remember, if your child is poorly-notifying the school office and keep them off school. Alternatively, if they are well enough to attend school then they should.

From September, we will no longer be providing work/Remote Education if your child is off school poorly.

If you are directed by a health professional and your child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, they can return to school. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Hopefully, we can all look forward to 'returning to normal school life' and enjoying all that we have to offer.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we will continue to 'strive for excellence' in everything that we do, and, with your support, trust and understanding continue to provide the very best education for all our children.

Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to working with you, next year.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Batey
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