



## *Barrowby Church of England Primary School*

July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of 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 a very challenging year, with the forced school closure on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the re-opening of the school on the 1<sup>st</sup> June for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and those identified vulnerable and keyworker children, as well as continuing to support those children learning from home. I think we can all agree that this year has been a challenging year.

Throughout this period, we have continued to support all our pupils, our school family and each other. I am very proud of how the school team has pulled together, despite the national emergency and we are all looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school community working together and relies heavily on 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, especially the parental volunteers who have given their time freely, before the forced school closure 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. Despite the school closure and their return on the 1<sup>st</sup> June they have been exemplary role models for the younger children. I am so very pleased that they were able to return and we were able to facilitate the traditional 'end of year' events for them. This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift' at the Christmas Fair will be used to install an 'Anderson Air Raid Shelter,' enhancing children's studies into World War 2 and a living willow structure. The children raised in excess of £1000 for their Legacy Gifts, 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.

Earlier this year, we began the work to further enhance our school grounds including the installation of our Reading Den-the Year 6 Legacy Gift from last year's children. We hope to be able to finish this work in September. We have also taken this opportunity to replace all the picnic benches on our school playground-donating the wooden benches to Belvoir Cricket Club. We took delivery of our new benches on the last day of term.

Our commitment to develop further our school remains high. Over the summer holidays we look to update our school facilities, including the ongoing maintenance and decoration of both the interior and exterior of the school building which should all be completed within the holidays.



These include:

- replacing flooring and wet-area, in Mrs Eggleston's classroom;
- completing works in the Year 6 toilets;
- undertaking damp proofing works in the older areas of the school;
- re-decorating the Old School Room and Year 6 classroom;
- replacing carpets in the infant and junior areas of the school; as well as
- replacing a section of the school's perimeter fencing, the section of fence that runs past the adventure playground-thus making the school securer for all our children.

Next year, we welcome 34 Reception pupils and their families. All school children will return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. In September, we ask that only 1 parent accompanies their child/ren to and from school. Parents should accompany their child to school and wait with their child, at the designated entrance points to the school. Parents will be able to drop off siblings, when dropping off their earliest child, to avoid unnecessary waiting.

#### Drop off Times

##### **Pedestrian Path**

8.45-8.55am Year 6 IL & TS Pedestrian Path

8.55-9.05am Year 5 EK Pedestrian Path

9.05-9.15am Year 3 LJW Pedestrian Path

##### **Main School Foyer**

8.45-8.55am Year 4 SC Car Park

##### **Church Path**

8.45-8.55am Year 1/2 LS Church Path

8.55-9.05am Year 1/2 ST/JL Church Path

9.05-9.15am R/Y1 KE Church Path

9.15-9.25am R/Y1 SB Church Path

#### Collection Times

##### **Pedestrian Path**

3.00-3.10pm Year 6 IL & TS Pedestrian Path

3.10-3.20pm Year 5 EK Pedestrian Path

3.20-3.30pm Year 3 LJW Pedestrian Path

##### **Main School Foyer**

3.15-3.25pm Year 4 SC Car Park

##### **Church Path**

3.00-3.15pm Year 1/2 LS and ST/JL Church Path

3.15-3.30pm R/Y1 KE and SB Church Path

This continues to be a very exciting time for our school, despite the affects of the national emergency on our school.

Moving forward we look to welcome all children back to school and enhance the curricular and assessment opportunities for all to ensure:

- all our pupils are supported, so that they achieve their potential and minimise the impact of the school closure;
- provide further opportunities for our pupils, within the arts, working alongside artists and instrumental specialists;
- continue to develop sport skills through the use of coaches, through a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities, as well as sustaining the increased amount of competitive sport; and
- continue to support our children, to develop further their understanding of the multi-cultural world, in which they live.

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  
Headteacher

