



## *Barrowby Church of England Primary School*

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### **Update for ALL Staff, Parents & Governors-Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of our school.

This has been a really challenging term managing cluster outbreaks, supporting staff and our families, as well as those isolating at home, keeping events open and minimising the impact of COVID on our school and each other.

At this time approximately 0.01% of our school population are isolating due to a positive test result. All the hard work by parents, pupils and staff seems to have worked. However, in light of Government updates with the new Omicron variant I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the school's advice for the new term.

The Government have updated their advice in relation to the new variant. This now states:

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

In addition to this we will continue to remain vigilant.

From January 2022 anyone aged 12 or above will be asked to take a Lateral Flow Test before attending school e.g. to attend an in-person meeting, a performance etc and reminded not to attend the meeting if they test positive or develop symptoms.

We will continue to ask all parents to wear a face covering when entering the school building, this includes entering the school's foyer.

As a school we will continue to follow the Government and Health Protection advice and review our school's COVID Risk Assessments which can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). This includes monitoring ventilation as well as encouraging good personal and respiratory hygiene.

These are challenging times but at least our school has remained open and by working together we will be able to face what may yet come.

I hope you are able to enjoy a festive period with your friends and family.

Merry Christmas everyone, stay safe.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Batey'.

Len Batey-Headteacher