



## *Barrowby Church of England Primary School*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

### **Update for Year 4 Parents-Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents,

As you know, unfortunately we have had further cases of COVID identified within the Year 4 class today and as such we are now at the point where we need to modify arrangements for our Year 4 class due to an increased amount of COVID cases.

This means that from today, we are now at the point where we need to:

- Revert back to asking the children to sit in pairs facing the front.
- Reduce the mixing of the Year 4 children with the other year groups e.g. separate them at playtime/lunchtime on the playground, conduct Collective Worship in the classroom for Year 4, enjoy their lunch socially distant from other children.
- Ask all pupils in Year 4 to have a PCR test and have a further LFD five days after.
- Restrict Year 4 to one toilet block which will be labelled.
- Restrict visits and visitors to Year 4-as such until otherwise notified Year 4 will not be able to attend after-school activities/clubs.
- Year 4 children may still attend our Wrap Around Care facility but will need to be separated from the other children.

In addition, I advised that all Year 4 parents should take their Year 4 child to complete a PCR test as soon as possible, irrespective of whether they present symptoms or not. Thank you if you have managed to do that.

As a result of this, we have identified further positive cases within the Year 4 class and have asked them to isolate at home. Leaving those Year 4 children in school, with no symptoms and hopefully a negative PCR test result.

As there is an increased amount of children now working from home, from the Year 4 class, we will re-introduce 'live lessons' for all those Year 4 children who are isolating at home due to COVID from tomorrow, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**It is imperative that all those children who are isolating due to COVID and are able to do so i.e. they are well enough to, should join Mrs Ward and/or Miss Marrows via TEAMS at the following times, each day:**

- 9.00am Registration, outline of the day and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson either English or Maths
- 10.00am Collective Worship
- 10.20am Spelling Live Lesson
- 11.00am Either English or Maths Live Lesson
- 1.15pm Afternoon live lesson e.g. Science, RE etc
- 3.00pm Story time and round off for the day

It is important that children have 'time away' from their learning and this should be at:

- 10.45am Morning breaktime (a 15-minute break)
- 12.05pm Lunchtime (a 1 hour and 15-minute break)

**Parents should advise the school via email if their child is unwell to join lessons and equally so parents should advise the school when their child is well enough to re-join lessons.**

We will do all that we can to support your child at this time. Please contact the school if we can be of any assistance.

In addition to these measures and in line with Government guidance, Health Protection Lincolnshire advice and our school's COVID Risk Assessment we continue with our enhanced cleaning regime.

Our enhanced cleaning regime is rigorous and undertaken by adults in school, across the school day.

It includes cleaning touch points e.g. door handles, light switches, table tops, wipeable surfaces, taps etc at different times across the school day, as well as cleaning the Year 4 classroom before and after lunch, as the children are eating in their room at the moment.

In addition to this, our site team conduct thorough cleaning of all classrooms daily in line with our COVID Risk Assessments and guidance and are in the process of completing a 'deeper clean' of the Year 4 classroom.

**It is important that all our children continue to follow the school's guidance around handwashing/sanitising, personal hygiene and other precautionary measures detailed in our COVID Risk Assessments.**

I would ask that our Year 4 parents continue to follow the school's guidance, as we support our Year 4 children through this period and minimise the impact of COVID at this time.

**Communication from Health Protection team confirms that we are doing all that we can at this time.**

**I will notify you when these measures are no longer applicable to Year 4. Until that time, I ask that you follow the guidance from Health Protection and support our school.**

I understand that this is not ideal, but must urge everyone to remain calm. **Unless your Year 4 child tests positive or has COVID symptoms then they should continue to come to school.**

I appreciate that these are unprecedented times but hope that by working together we can continue to reduce the impact of this isolation period for our Year 4 children.

Stay safe.



Len Batey-Headteacher