



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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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 another very challenging year, with the forced school closure on January 4th and the ongoing restrictions around COVID.

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 **Monday 6th September 2021**.

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, 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 they have been exemplary role models for the younger children. I am so very pleased that we were able to facilitate the traditional 'end of year' events for them. This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift' through the Summer Raffle will be used to extend our facilities for children cycling to school with a new 'Bike Rack,' as well as further developing resources available in our new Pastoral Room. 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.

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

All school children will return to school on Monday 6th September. In readiness for the start of the new year, we have reviewed Government guidance and can confirm:

1. There will **no longer be a requirement for staff and/or visitors to wear a face mask** in or around the school e.g. in communal areas;
2. Staff will **not be required to maintain social distancing** from each other or children in the school. Therefore, all guidance and current limits on staff occupying spaces will be removed.
3. Children will **not be required to social distance from each other** as bubbles are no longer required. This means that we will re-introduce socialising between classes during playtime and outdoor play at lunchtime.
4. Teachers will have **the freedom to organise their classroom** how they see fit e.g. rows or tables, as there will no longer a need for children to sit forward facing.



As a school we will:

1. Maintain the new 2-way entrance/exit system in a morning and an afternoon i.e.
 - Reception/Key Stage 1 entrance/exit on the Church Path and through; and
 - Key Stage 2 entrance/exit on the pedestrian path.

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

2. We will continue to encourage children to come straight into school, each morning from 8.45am; so they are ready for their day.
3. On entry, children will be encouraged to use the hand sanitiser stations around the school when entering and leaving the building as well as washing hands before eating food e.g. lunchtime.
4. We will continue to ask staff to undertake enhanced cleaning of areas within the school e.g. toilets, tables, touch plates etc
5. We will re-introduce acts of Collective Worship in the hall.
6. We will re-introduce the use of the lunchtime hall without bubbles.
7. We will re-introduce extra-curricular activities for all children.

This continues to be a very exciting time for our school, despite the impact of COVID, but with restrictions easing and the isolation rules changing on the 16th August-I am hopeful for September.

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

