



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Seven days back at school – Important information to keep everyone safe

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for your ongoing support and understanding as we have all been adjusting to new arrangements. Having been out on the gates and up at Harbury Road each morning and at the end of the day, I have seen that our staggered drop off and collection is running so much more smoothly. It is still important to continually monitor and review how things are going because everyone's health and safety is paramount. Therefore I ask that you read and adhere to the following important updates and reminders:

Morning drop off for Cedar, Sycamore, Oak and Lime classes

A separate letter has been sent to these classes about revised arrangements for your morning drop off. Please can those parents ensure that you read this letter.

Reducing crowding

As explained in a previous letter, I am sure that the first two days were far busier because parents not only wanted to come and see how everything was working and support their child in returning to school after such strange times, but also because lots of you didn't want to be late! It always takes a little while for us all to get into the swing of things and this week has certainly felt calmer and less crowded! However, it is still imperative that **only one person accompanies your child to school and enters the playground to pick them up at the end of the day**. Barrow Hedges siblings of course are allowed if you have more than one timing! **Also a reminder for all that no dogs are permitted on school premises and we will not dismiss children to parents who are on their mobile phone.**

Leaving via the Beanos Gate

Parents, carers and children will continue to leave the playground via either the Beanos Gate or the Harbury Road Gate. We know that this means there are a number of people walking between the school building and the staff car park so ask that you do your best to **remain 2m apart**. Yellow lines have been marked on the ground as a reminder! **There are double gates adjacent to the shed and scooter rack so from next week will we experiment with opening those at the end of the day only, to see if this also eases congestion. These gates must not be used as an entrance please!**



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Fox and Badger parents who have other siblings to collect should leave via Beanos and re-enter via Radcliffe Gate please, so that our one-way system is still adhered to.

Parents and visitors on the school site

Unfortunately we are aware of some local schools that have had to close bubbles. This provides a timely reminder that we all have to continue to be precautionary. It is so wonderful having all our children back in school but we are going to great efforts, as we should, to ensure that our risk assessments are adhered to. All parents need to play their part and should not gather closely together. **At present, parents are not permitted to enter the school building without a prior appointment. We have noticed that some parents are still arriving at the school office unannounced. Please ensure you telephone the school first, or send an email in to office@barrowhedges.com.** Most meetings will be carried out online or replaced with a telephone conversation. Visitors, which have been kept to a minimum, are required to wear face coverings in school, as do peripatetic teachers who work with individuals or small groups. We would encourage you to wear a face mask at the end of the school day when the playground is busy.

Reporting children absent

It is imperative that when parents report their child absent, either via email or when leaving a message on the school answer phone (option 1), you provide full details as to any illness. Telling us that your child “is unwell” does not give us the appropriate detail we require. As per the section above, parents should not come to the school office to report their child absent. **In the next few days, we will be sending out a flowchart that parents should follow in the event of their child being unwell. Please help us to keep our whole school community safe by following this carefully.**

A new page on our website – Response to COVID-19

Finally, to advise you that we have now created a specific page on our school website entitled ‘Response to COVID-19’. This is found under the ‘Our School’ tab. Here we save all the relevant documents and letters (such as this one) relating to this important issue. You will notice that within this page, there is a tab ‘2019/2020’. If you click here you will find all the letters sent to you last Spring and Summer Term, moved from the ‘News and Events – Letters to Parents’ tab. This will enable us to keep this area free for all the other non-COVID related things – we are looking forward to sending you some more uplifting letters celebrating all the lovely learning the children are enjoying!



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Response to COVID-19

Please see below a link to the Government website and their guidance on the reopening of schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

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 Actions for schools if a pupil is displaying symptoms of COVID	DOWNLOAD 
 Risk Assessment for the full reopening of School August 2020	DOWNLOAD 
 3rd September 2020 - Brief update from Mrs Wood	DOWNLOAD 
 2nd September 2020 - Harbury Road Gate	DOWNLOAD 
 31st August 2020 - Social Story for returning to school in September	DOWNLOAD 
 31st August 2020 - Parent Handbook for Full Reopening of school	DOWNLOAD 
 31st August 2020 - Letter from Mrs Wood re reopening of school	DOWNLOAD 

Kind regards

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