

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 9 27th May 2020

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well? I hope that you have been able to enjoy the sunshine now that some of the lockdown restrictions have been eased. I'm hopeful that it will have been something that families can enjoy together after the gloom and sadness that Covid-19 has created.

As you know, we are waiting to hear on Thursday that parts of the Governments road map have been achieved and that schools can partially reopen for some children. We have been working around the clock to put all of the necessary plans together and yesterday, we were able to let the parents/carers of pupils in Years R, 1 and 6 know what will happen next week if given the go ahead. Thank you to everyone who completed the surveys for those year groups - it certainly helped us plan the logistics of small groups and staffing. One of the challenges of the phased return is young children social distancing and we have had to adopt a new strict appendix to our behaviour policy in light of Covid-19. The staff at Bartons will be on hand to support the children with this and it won't be easy for everyone but parents will need to ensure that their child really understands the reasons why things are in place and what the consequences will be for not following the rules. For incidents of poor behaviour, children will be sent home and will not return to school this term. We're looking forward to seeing the children but the school premises will look very different. Please make sure that you have read the 'Parents Information' sent to you on what to expect as you enter the school premises. There will be lots of signs to help.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell Co- Chairs of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves and Mrs A. Oyns

Year 6 Hoodies

Recently, there have been many questions on whether Year 6 will have their leavers hoodies or not this year. These are really special and are very popular with the children. In most schools, this is something that is organised by the parents and therefore is not something that schools organise themselves. At Bartons, we are lucky that Mrs Toone works with JW Sports to create a hoodie design which is stocked locally for parents to buy. This year, the design was completed just before lockdown and since that time JW Sports have been closed. This has undoubtedly led to us being uncertain of when parents could order them. This week Mrs Toone sent out the link to JW Sports new website and so now Year 6 parents will be able to order a hoodie if they want one. Hoodies are not compulsory - it is up to you whether you buy one or not.

School Communication

All through lockdown, I have ensured that we have kept parents and carers up to date with what is happening with a weekly newsletter and texts/emails/surveys regarding all aspects of school. Teachers have kept in touch with the children through Seesaw, our online learning platform and have also made phone calls to see how families are getting on. Everyone has worked hard to ensure that Team Bartons remains united through this extraordinary time. Recently there have been several comments where parents have said that they have not received a text or email with important information. Can I please remind parents that it is your responsibility to ensure that we have the most up to date mobile number and email address for you. Without these, you may miss very important school information. If you are unsure of what details we hold for you, then please give the school office a ring and someone will check for you. Thank you - we are reliant on you giving us the most up to date details for you.

*Have a great week. Stay safe and well
Kind regards Kate Powell.*