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Dear Parents / Carers

Let me begin by thanking the vast majority of you for the unwavering support you have shown the school during this extremely difficult time – not just for us, but for the whole school community. The messages we have received have meant so much to us: your opinions really do matter to the school as a whole. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Barlby Community Primary School has always, and will always, continue to follow the guidelines issued to us by Central Government, The Local Authority, Public Health England and the Department for Education. We have worked very closely with these bodies over the last 8 months, acting immediately on all advice given.

As such, we will reopen the school to the vast majority of pupils on Monday 30th November with Mrs Adams / Mrs Tennent's Year 3 class re-joining us a day later on Tuesday 1st December, following the end of their 14 day isolation period.

As you were informed, school was closed for operational reasons but the majority of staff are now able to attend work again following their periods of self-isolation. I know many of you have been concerned about the health of the staff and again I thank you for your concerns. Your child may report a supply teacher in school for the first day, but please also remember staff in school do still need to attend training sessions and complete other professional duties so may be away from their classes for reasons other than COVID 19.

When we reopen on Monday, safety, as before, will remain our number one priority. Please continue to follow the one way system around the school and do not linger near the classroom doors or try and engage staff in conversations. If you need to speak to staff, please drop them an email or leave a message via telephone through the school office. As before, adults on the school site are requested to wear face coverings. Attached to this letter you will find our COVID 19 Risk Assessment for your information. This has been agreed by the Governors of the school and the Health and Safety team in North Yorkshire. This Risk Assessment has been reviewed this week but remains, in the main, the same as it was prior to closure.

Over the past few days we have had a few operational questions from parents:

Can my child provide their own soap as school soap makes their hands sore?



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Yes, you can. If you choose to do so, please clearly label your child's soap and ask them to hand it to their class teacher. This is the same for any barrier cream or hand cream they may need. Please do not provide soap if school soap is fine for your child - there is limited room around classroom sinks.

Can my child attend school with a cold?

The guidelines state that unless your child has one of the main symptoms: high temperature, new persistent cough or a change to taste and smell, then yes, they can attend school. However, the symptoms that have been reported to us from parents over the last two weeks have not always been the three stated above and I request that you are extra vigilant with your child's health and if in any doubt at all please keep them off school until you can confirm they do not have COVID 19.

Can we share Christmas cards at school?

Yes, you can, if you have no other way of getting them safely to your child's friends. There will be a collection tub at the main school gate each morning. Please clearly address your cards with the child's first and last name plus the class they are in. We will put these cards in quarantine for 72 hours before they are given back out. Unfortunately, cards that are not labelled correctly cannot be distributed, and will be recycled.

The Government are very clear that they consider the best place for all children is in school, and, as a school, we encourage you to return your child to school as soon as their self-isolation period comes to an end. If you have individual family health concerns please speak to your GP regarding the need for your child to isolate.

As always, if you want to touch base with us, have any questions or concerns that we can support you with, or have individual family circumstances that you would like to discuss before our return on Monday, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher, the school office or myself :
headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Many thanks

Jillian Baker
Headteacher