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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phase Two 22nd June MIGHT move to 29th June

As always I hope this letter finds you and your families well. The bulk of this letter is about the phase two return, initially planned for 22nd June but I have sent it to all parents to keep you informed of the whole school picture.

Back in May the Government announced that primary schools should make provision for years Reception, One and Six to return from 1st June. At the same time they said we should also start to think about bringing other year groups (2, 3, 4 and 5) for the last month of the summer term. As you know we put in place phase one which has run smoothly since June 1st and phase two to begin next Monday 22nd June.

Unfortunately, the government have now changed their advice and are saying they do not think it is feasible to bring back all year groups before the summer break, but have urged those primary schools with the capacity to bring back more pupils in those smaller class sizes to do so if they are able to before the summer holidays.

At Barlby Community Primary School we are ready to welcome back the families that have said they wish to return to school before the summer but speaking to the Local Authority today they have advised that until the written Government Guidelines change we cannot welcome these children back. They have advised that they are expecting the Guidance to change 'soon'. Due to not knowing when the guidance may change we **MAY** have to move the start of phase two back to the 29th June.

We are going to continue to plan based on the 22nd June but please be prepared to receive a text on Friday informing you if your child can return to school on the 22nd or



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if we need to wait until the 29th June. If the written guidelines change before Friday we will inform you immediately that we can run phase two from 22nd June.

I can only apologise that this leaves families unsure of plans for next week but as always we wanted to keep you fully informed as early as possible. If you would prefer to plan to return your child WB 29th June (even if we are able to open on 22nd June for phase two) then your child's place in their bubble will be held in school, if you feel making a decision on Friday is too short notice for your child or your family.

Information you need when phase two begins - we have shared most of this information with your before.

Doors numbers (new information)

Nursery children to wait at the nursery gate - including key worker days

Reception children - main reception cloakroom door - including key worker days

Year 1 - door 3 or 4 as now

Year 2 - door 2 or 7 - you will receive a text

Year 3 - door 1 or 5 - you will receive a text

Year 4 - door 1, 5 or 6 - you will receive a text

Year 5 - door 10 or 11 - you will receive a text

Year 6 - door 8 or 9 as now

Key worker children in years 1 - 4 - door 7 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Hall door (just off the carpark) Thursday and Friday

Key Worker children year 5 and 6 - door 10 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and door 6 on a Thursday and Friday

How to enter and exit the school grounds.

For ALL pupils and parents (with the exception of Nursery) there is a one way system in place around the school site to drop off and pick up (see attached diagram).

EVERYONE MUST enter the school site ON FOOT through the **main carpark gates**, parents can NOT use the staff car park and staff will be asked not to enter or leave the site during drop off or pick up times. Children are not permitted to arrive at school on bikes or scooters as there will be no safe storage available.

Once through the gates please turn left and head round the back of the school (passed the bins). All parents are then requested to exit the school site through the side gate that goes off the bottom playground past the gazebo. Please remember you must stay **2m apart** from the family or child in front of you. Staff will be about to remind you of the system and the 2m rule set by the Government. We are all going to have to show considerable patience.

As advised in our last letter only one parent should enter the school site with their child and only one parent to collect.

When can your child come to school.

Due to the max of 15 children in a group rule set by the Government children have been **allocated two days per week to attend school.**

Monday and Tuesday - children from Mrs Clifton's class, Miss Owen's class, Mr Robinson's, Mrs Morgan's, Mrs Adams / Tennant class and Year 4

Thursday and Friday - children from Miss Jaques (Jones), Mrs Richardsdon's, Mr Richardson's, Mrs Croppers, Mrs Harford's class and Year 3.

Key worker children that have been allocated days through our booking system will attend school with their class on their class allocated days and attend as key worker children on other days.

Timings of the day

The start of the day when you can drop your child off is flexible. Doors will be open from 8.45am, please DO NOT come to the school site before this time there will be nowhere safe to congregate and it will mean our one-way system will be pointless in our bid to keep everyone safe. Doors for drop off will remain open until 9.30am. The idea is you keep walking and the children just slip off into their designated classrooms. Each morning staff will have a list so ensure children go through the right door.

The end of the day is more tricky so we have extended collection times. Again, we are asking all parents to follow the same one way system for both entering the site and once they have collected their child with EVERYONE exiting site through the side gate onto the road leading to the play park past the gazebo. Please approach the classroom door where you dropped your child off and your child will be brought to you, there is no need to knock, staff will be looking out. You may have to wait a few minutes whilst we deal with the children. Collection can be anytime from 2.30-3.10pm. Please stay 2m apart from anyone else on site and wait patiently if you need to pass them in a narrow space.

Lunch, snacks and drinks

The children will eat lunch in their allocated space in their classrooms, tables will be wiped before and after lunch and the children will wash their hands before and after lunch and snacks.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be entitled to their universal free school dinner as are the families that have applied for benefit free school dinners. If you would like a 'grab bag' on the days your child is not in school please order either via the phone or via email and it will be ready for collection from 11.30 am each day.

After so long at home with continuous snacks at hand we anticipate that the children will be hungry. Please feel free to send them with a few snacks to have throughout the day and please remember to send a named water bottle. This will also be kept on their own desks.

Please send more than water bottle - we are finding children are running out and we cannot refill the bottles for them as there is an increased chance of infection spreading.

Uniform

Uniform is optional for this half term but will be back in place in September. We have considered this decision carefully and come to the conclusion that optional uniform would be useful for parents whose children have grown over the last few months and also we would really like children to wear clean clothes every day, again to minimise the chance of infection spreading. PE kit is not required this half term.

What to bring to school

Please send your child with the absolute minimum. They DO NOT need PE kit, pencil cases, book bags or planners.

They will need a named water bottle, or two.

Pupils may bring their own hand sanitiser if they wish but there is no need school has plenty and washing hands with soap and water is the most effective way to stop the spread of the virus.

If children arrive in a face mask or with disposable gloves they will be asked to place it in a bin before entering school (as per the government guidelines)

What if a child shows symptoms of COVID 19 in school

Any child in school with a continuous new cough or a temperature will be separated from their group of 15. A member of staff in PPE will then care for that child and parents will be contacted to collect the child immediately. The area they had been working in will be cleaned.

We would then encourage parents to get the child tested for COVID 19 as soon as possible. If the child tests positive the whole group of 15 children and the staff from that group will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If the parents choose not to get the child tested the child will stay away from school for 7 days and then return to their group of 15.

A few bits of information

School will have an allocated cleaner on site throughout the day. Toilets will be cleaned 3 times per day, door handles and surfaces will be wiped regularly. Thorough cleaning will take place between groups of children in a room. Classroom staff will be issued cleaning equipment for them to use regularly as they see fit.

Please do not stand near the school gate chatting we really need to keep moving to allow social distancing to be adhered to.

Late arrival

If you arrive at school after 9.30am please come to the main office through the carpark gates and exit through the car park gates as other gates will be locked at 9.30am. I envisage this to be only key worker families that are accessing school on none allocated days.

Preparing the children for their return

Day one drop off and collection is likely to be a little more chaotic than the rest of the weeks, anxiety for the children, yourselves and staff will be high. We are aware of this and we will ensure the children have little demand placed on them in school for the first few days. Our aim is to re-engage them into school life, the curriculum will come second, after we are sure the children are happy and feel safe and secure. Please be patient, be patient with your child, be patient with the staff and please be patient with other parents. Give yourselves plenty of time; this way hopefully everyone will manage the day with a smile.

Please speak your child on the run up to their return, tell them how exciting it going to be in a small class with loads of fun activities to follow. Reassure them that school will do everything we can to keep them safe and the virus away, just like they have been doing at home. Talk to them about seeing their friends and sharing stories.

If your child is extremely anxious please contact the school office and we will try and arrange for them to come and have a quick look at which room they will be in and the one way system outside. We cannot do this for all children, please only book in if you really feel it will benefit your child's return to school.

Contacting school

If you need to speak to the office staff please telephone once you get home or leave a message with a member of staff that you pass whilst dropping off or collecting your child. Please DO NOT go to the school office.

Staff allocated to year groups is still work in progress due to the personal circumstances of many of the staff and their families. As soon as we have finalised who your child will be working with it will be shared with you. Home learning contacts will stay the same but staff will be very busy during the day so please do not expect the quick reply you have been getting up until now.

Further information

Later this week pupils will receive a text informing them of their door number and the member of staff that will be in their bubble. If your child has already been attending in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 the door number will not change but the member of staff might.

Please watch out for the text on Friday informing you if we can open phase two from 22nd June or if we need to delay the start of this phase.

Again I can only apologise for the possible delay but the guidelines are written by central government and until they tell us differently we can only open to the current year groups and key worker children.

As always if we can help in any way, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school through the main number 01757 703317 or via email - admin@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk or headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

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