



Barlby Community Primary School

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Whole School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last government guidelines around Covid 19 that we are following at school can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We have been notified as a school that Selby is on the 'Watch List' by the government for Covid 19 and as such we need to make some changes in school and remind the whole school community of the importance of following the above guidelines.

As you know we have carried out an extensive risk assessment that is being regularly updated but it is expected that the whole school community will:

- Stay at home if ill with a
 - New persistent cough
 - Temperature
 - Change to taste and smell
- Follow a robust hand and respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it kill it) routine
- Enhance cleaning routines
- Actively engage in the NHS Track and Trace system

The main change the children will notice in school will be, staff will, from tomorrow be seen to be wearing face coverings in areas of school outside the classroom. Please talk to your child about this change and reassure them it is to keep everyone safe.

North Yorkshire County Council have shared the following agreed position for all their schools:

- NYCC recommends that schools follow the national guidance on the wearing of face coverings in schools.
- The national guidance gives discretion/authority to head teachers to decide on the specific approach in their schools.
- In schools that are in areas on the 'Covid-19 watch list', we recommend that adults (staff and visitors) in primary schools and in secondary schools DO wear face coverings in areas outside of the classroom.



The national guidance states that:

- Schools that teach children in years 7 and above and which are not under specific local restriction measures will have the discretion to require face coverings for pupils, staff and visitors in areas outside the classroom where social distancing cannot easily be maintained, such as corridors and communal areas and it has been deemed appropriate in those circumstances.

- Primary school children will not need to wear a face covering.

- In areas where local lockdowns or restrictions are in place, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils (in years 7 and above) in areas outside classrooms when moving around communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain such as corridors.

- Face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible.

At Barlby:

- Staff will be asked to wear a face covering when moving around the corridors or in communal areas of the school - not in classrooms
- Any visitors to school will be asked to wear a face covering
- Parents visiting school will only be able to enter the foyer / office, if wearing a face covering.
- If children wish to wear a mask / face covering to travel to and from school they will be asked to remove it before entering the school building. Please provide a sealable plastic bag if you wish your children to wear a face covering to and from school. If the child cannot seal the covering away the covering will need to be placed in a bin.
- Children will not be permitted to wear a mask in school (as per the government guidelines)

May I remind you that social distancing on the school site is very important, there is no need to arrive at the school site before 8.40am or 3pm, site is much quieter towards the end of drop off and pick up times.

Our main aim at Barlby Community Primary School is to keep everyone safe and I thank you for your continued support at this very difficult time.

If you need further guidance, have any questions specific to your family or you need to inform us of any COVID symptoms or contact with others with symptoms please do not hesitate to contact school. Outside of the school day I will be monitoring my emails, again please do not hesitate to contact me if you need information for the following day: headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker
Headteacher