



# Barford St Peter's

## C. of E. (VA) Primary School

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### UPDATE AND NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Overall it has been an extremely positive return to school for the children and we are continuing to police the grounds each morning and afternoon to find a solution to perfect the drop off and collection process. It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children again and they are very excited to be back.

As you can imagine it has taken a great deal of work to prepare the building and grounds for our return. Our overall aim was to get as many children back on the first day as possible. However, dealing with such large numbers within stringent measures has been a challenge. We are following Public Health England Guidelines while trying to keep routines as close to the normal day as possible. The drop off has worked well and we will be adding more spots on the front playground, so parents don't have to queue through Bright Horizons and to reduce the amount of queuing on the street. Please remember staff will not have time to talk, as we need to move families through the grounds as quickly as possible.

The collection in the afternoon is causing more of a problem as the driveway exit point is congested, and outside of school has very limited space. Year 5 parents should now be collecting their children from the back playground via the gate opposite King Georges Playing Field and this change has already improved the situation. We are reviewing procedures every day, and in the meantime, it may be necessary to make minor 'tweaks' but this is for the benefit of all.

In school, the children have been amazing and although we were concerned about the younger children sitting in rows, they have adapted incredibly well. They are familiar with the hand sanitising process and are not going to the toilets as a class but are being allowed to go throughout the day to ease any congestion. Playtimes are on a rota basis in 'Bubbles,' and lunches are eaten in the classroom with an assigned supervisor. We are aiming to get the children outside as much as possible.

The class newsletters are available from the school website and have also been sent out electronically. We are limited with how much we can plan as the future is so uncertain, but our parent consultations will be by phone at an allotted time, at the end of the first half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Delaney and Barbara Williams Cooke (Chair of Governors)