



Aspire, Believe - Together Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience while you have waited for communication from us regarding the full opening of St Barnabas on 8th March. We are expecting all children to return on this date and attendance is now mandatory.

I am sure you will all have been following the press coverage of schools fully opening as closely as we have here at St Barnabas. The infection rates are decreasing but are still higher than when term started in September 2020. Our school response to this is to ensure we are hyper vigilant with our protection measures and that we communicate with you regularly and frequently, reminding you of the measures in place.

Protection measures have been taken to ensure school is as safe an environment as it can be. The school building receives regular and enhanced cleaning. There has been a full review of our risk assessment and all staff have been communicated with. However, we cannot be complacent and it is vital that we all adhere to the guidance so we are able to provide a high quality education in a happy and safe environment for all of our pupils, staff and parents.

What we need you to do:

- ✓ Wash your children's hands and take their temperature before leaving the house.
- ✓ Send pupils to school in their PE kit on PE days and after school club days.
- ✓ Come to school at the allocated staggered start/finish times (youngest siblings times).
- ✓ Wear a face covering or mask on site and socially distance from other families.
- ✓ All communications to staff should be via dojo, email or phone call. Urgent matters can be passed via the office phone or email.
- ✓ One parent only to accompany children for drop off/pick up. Older siblings should not be on site.
- ✓ Only one person in the office foyer and only when essential, all communication should be via phone or email.
- ✓ Leave the site immediately after drop off/collection. Encourage older children to leave you at the gate.
- ✓ Play equipment and the MUGA should not be accessed by pupils before or after school.
- ✓ If your child is unwell or showing any COVID symptoms please stay at home and inform the school immediately.
- ✓ Use the information on the website if you are unsure or contact Miss Sheppard.



	YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Gate entry/exit	Nursery gate – as normal	Back gate Walk round to Rec gate Collected here at end of day	Main gate – diagonal path straight into class Collected from KS2 playground	Main gate – straight path Collected from KS2 playground	Back gate Straight in through end of Y3/4 corridor Collected from KS1 playground	Back gate Straight in through end of Y3/4 corridor Collected from KS1 playground	Main gate – straight path Straight in via slope Collected from KS2 playground	Main gate – straight path Straight in via slope Collected from KS2 playground
Start	8.30am	8.45am	8.45am	8.50am	8.55am	8.50am	8.45am	8.50am
Lunchtime	12.00pm	11.45am – 1.00pm	12.00pm – 1.00pm		12.20pm – 1.20pm			
Finish	3.30pm	3.15pm	3.15pm	3.20pm	3.25pm	3.20pm	3.15pm	3.20pm

What Team St Barnabas will do:

- ✓ Remind and support children on how to stay safe in school in an age appropriate way.
- ✓ No mixing or crossing of bubbles for pupils at any time.
- ✓ Staff crossing bubbles will be logged and risk assessed regularly e.g. Sports Coaches.
- ✓ Maintain regular mid-day and after school cleaning and hygiene routines.
- ✓ Classrooms fully stocked with cleaning equipment and PPE.
- ✓ Classroom layout and social distancing will be adhered to as far as reasonably possible.
- ✓ Ventilate and air rooms regularly during the day.
- ✓ Any visits/visitors will only be permitted in essential circumstances.
- ✓ Any child feeling unwell will be isolated immediately and parents contacted.
- ✓ Communicate with parents regularly and offer support and the opportunity to discuss any concerns or suggestions.
- ✓ Resume after school sports clubs, breakfast club and closely communicate with The Zone.

What children can expect on return to school:

We fully understand that children will have had varying experiences over this latest lockdown and teachers will be mindful of this in their planning.

There will be lots of carefully planned opportunities for the following:

- Social interaction within their class to reconnect with peers and share experiences.
- A revisit of protection measures, in an age appropriate manner.
- A revisit of school behaviour expectations, boundaries and routines.
- Teachers to subtly assess and benchmark pupils to gauge their progress and plan to meet their needs going forward.
- An ambitious, broad and full curriculum.
- 1:1 or small group work to support pupils where needed.

On return to school, children will be expected to wear full school uniform except for on PE days (class teachers will inform you of these via Class Dojo). Our first week back is NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK so children will have the opportunity to re-engage with their learning through a fun and engaging science week.



I look forward to seeing all of the children returning to school on the 8th March and would like to thank you as a parent community for your consistent and unwavering support, patience and understanding at this most challenging time. We are a strong school community and we can work together to support each other and ensure the safety of our young people and families.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or worries.

Assuring you of our best at all times,

Miss Sheppard and Team St Barnabas

