



# Barlby Primary School

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Dear Early Years Parents & Carers,

You may have seen my letter yesterday regarding gate timings from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We are not proposing a change in the gate number for any year group but the gates will be open for a shorter period of time. We want to ensure that we can offer every child in our school from ages 3-11 their full entitlement to the curriculum.

Your child can be dropped off as usual between 8.30am and 8.45am. Unlike many other settings we are still allowing the parents/carers of our youngest children on site but please observe a social distance. We understand the value in communication between home and school so if you need to catch up with the teachers please arrive closer to 8.30am so that we can start the school day promptly at 8.45am. Alternatively, please feel free to e-mail or request a virtual meeting.

We have also had some enquiries this week regarding toileting and intimate care. As we are a mainstream primary school the staff are not permitted to care intimately for the children after they have been to the toilet. Our *Intimate Care Policy* makes exceptions for children with Special Educational Needs or the occasional accident. A second adult must be present to provide intimate care which compromises our staff to child ratios. Please let us know if you would like support with strategies for promoting independence.

The current situation is very difficult for everyone and feels very impersonal. It is so sad that we cannot get to know each other and celebrate community events as we have in the past. Let us hope that we can relax a little more with bubbles and restrictions next term! As always, thank you for supporting us and please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you further.

Best wishes,

Anthony Mannix

Headteacher