



# Barlby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term break despite the current limits in relation to the virus. A number of parents/carers have asked me if there will be any changes for school when the national lockdown begins on Thursday. At present, we understand that schools will remain open and therefore your child/children will access full time learning on site. I have outlined some information below which you might find useful and have also noted some reminders on how you can support us in remaining open and secure;

- The school currently operates in 10 bubbles. Staff and children work within one bubble throughout the school day.
- Four access and exit points are in operation and breaks/lunches are staggered.
- Hand washing is an integral part of the school day.
- Barlby employs cleaners (not contractors from other sites) to complete daily cleaning.
- School staff have been well trained in keeping the school covid safe and must follow set procedures every day. Many travel to and from work on public transport and follow hygiene procedures on arrival.
- Staff wear face coverings in mixed bubble areas eg. the school hall.
- Visitors to the school are kept to a minimum and are limited to key workers for education or health. We still allow EYFS parents/carers on site for drop off and collection but they are not permitted inside the building.
- Teacher e-mail addresses have been sent home several times and dialogue via e-mail is encouraged.
- We are limiting numbers at the Barlby Playcentre for the duration of the national lockdown. The facility will be prioritising the children of key workers. Key worker parents/carers are asked to book in advance. This temporary adjustment will begin on Thursday. As many staff travel significant distances to work at Barlby we intend to adjust our staffing levels to support them.
- In the event of a bubble/whole school closure learning will be provided on line.

You can help us;

- Please drop off and collect alone.
- Buggies are not permitted on site as they cause congestion at gates and on walkways.
- Please limit the amount of equipment your child has when arriving at school. A water bottle is sufficient and PE kit is not required for the rest of this term.
- Please continue to be punctual. This supports us in getting learning started when we close the bubbles for the day. It also supports us when you collect on time.

We rely on your support and partnership. Thank you for helping us and feel free to send enquiries to [info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk).

With best wishes,

Anthony Mannix- Headteacher