

## Headteacher update - 6

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by and we are still working hard to minimise any risk of a COVID-19 outbreak. Staff and students are following expectations and as promised, we are constantly reviewing our systems and structures. When we reflect on where we were this time last year, it is hard to believe we would have been discussing masks, split lunches, one-way systems and hand sanitiser...

We found this photo that was taken of the Senior Leadership Team the moment Mr Johnson announced schools were to close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It has certainly been an interesting 7 months!



Could we please ask you and your families to do their part in ensuring our community remains safe and our school continues to operate. You can do this by following the Government guidelines and reinforcing the school expectations at home.

### **REMINDER: Parents/Carers and visitors on site**

We would like to remind all parents/carers that you must phone to make an appointment before coming on to site or arriving at reception. This is also the case if students forget equipment.

### **REMINDER: COVID-19 Webpage**

If you have any queries about COVID-19 and Barnwell School, please visit our designated COVID-19 webpage. This page has up to date information regarding our COVID-19 procedures as well as our [school contingency plans](#), information guides and all previous parent/carer communication. <https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/covid-19-info-2/>

### **REMINDER: Remote Learning**

Earlier this week, we launched our new Remote Learning webpage which supports all students that have to self-isolate. All students have access to programmes of study, activities and weblinks that are in line with work that is being studied in school. Students access this work via their normal school log in details. <https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/remote-learning/>

### **Face Mask update**

We are at the point whereby almost all students are regularly bringing their own mask to school, unless they are exempt. We have got a few students that regularly do not bring in a mask and these students are logged on our system and a message is sent home. As this measure is critical in reducing the risk of transmission and the fact we as a school cannot continue to provide an endless supply of masks, we will be adding concerns for non-compliance to COVID expectations should students continually arrive to school without a face mask

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### Local Residents

We would like you to remind your child(ren) that as a school, we have a great relationship with our neighbours and the local community. Students arriving and leaving the school grounds are representing Barnwell and must respect our neighbour's privacy and properties.

### Governor Spotlight

Barnwell School is very fortunate to have a strong and supportive Governing Body. The team consists of current and former parents/carers and other members of the community committed to ensuring we continue to deliver an outstanding provision to our students. Over the coming weeks, we would like to introduce you to our Governors by clicking on our Governor Spotlight [link](#).

If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please email [communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

### Virtual Marathon Man

We would like to congratulate Mr Brown for completing the Virtual London Marathon last weekend. Mr Brown ran the 26.2 miles (plus a few extra yards) and was supported along the way by family and friends. Well done Mr Brown!



### Communications

Could we please remind parents and carers that due to the current structure of the school day and increased duties, on occasion, staff will not be able to return communication within the school day. A reminder of the school communication protocols set up last year can be found by clicking [this link](#).

### Equipment

To make sure that students are appropriately equipped for school, we will be conducting an equipment check during period 1 on Monday 12th October. Could we please ask that all students have the following pieces of equipment every day. Thank you for your support.

- Writing pens – in blue or black ink plus a green pen
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Maths equipment: protractor, set square, compass and scientific calculator
- Reading book – KS3 only

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### School Library

It has been lovely to welcome students back into the libraries over the last few weeks, all be it slightly differently to how we have done in the past. This week we introduced our new click and collect book loan service to all students and staff. Students have already been sent the link to this and instructions on how to make use of our inhouse library system. We have had a good uptake of this service already. We will remind students how to access this during their English and Library lessons next week.

However, in order to offer the best options of books to our students we need those books that were loaned out before lockdown returned. Please can you remind your child that these need to be handed in to either library. There is a returns box placed in both libraries that is checked every day. We would like as many books back by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you would like clarification regarding any school matters, please do not hesitate to get in contact via [communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for your support and have a lovely weekend.

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