

## Start of term update - 3

Dear Parents/Carers

As we complete the first two-week cycle of lessons, we would like to say how pleased we have been with the way in which students and staff have adapted to the new systems and structures in place to help make our school as COVID secure as possible. As you will be aware from previous communications, we will be insisting all students and staff wear face masks in corridors and indoor social areas from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We have had many parents contact us saying how reassured they are by this measure and, as ever, we will continue to review all operational systems as we move through the first half term.

### Staggered start times

Our staggered start times have helped us maintain 'bubble' separation before period 1. Again, in order to support the school with this procedure, could we ask that students only arrive at school for either:

- Breakfast club (8.00am-8.25am) or 5 minutes before their first lesson

***Students should no congregate in large groups when walking to school or waiting to enter the school grounds.***

### Middle school drop off and collection

For the school to remain COVID secure, we ask that parents/carers do not drive into the school site to drop off or collect their child(ren). We would advise drop off or collection on Hydean Way as the road outside the Middle Campus is always congested at the beginning and end of the day.

### Parents/Carers and visitors on site

We must 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.

### COVID-19 – 'What to do if' document

Full attendance is expected at school and with regards to COVID-19 symptoms, we are guided by PHE and Government advice. In order to help you as parents/carers to make the most informed decision regarding COVID-19 and your child(ren), we have created the a 'what to do if...' document. [Click the link](#) to access the document.

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- ***wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds***
- ***use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available***
- ***wash your hands as soon as you get home***
- ***cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze***
- ***put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards***

### Extra-curricular clubs

Having completed a full two-week cycle of lessons, we are reviewing our extra-curricular clubs and activities and will be looking to provide students with after school opportunities starting in the next few weeks. A communication regarding this will be distributed asap.

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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