

Start of term update - 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by and we have certainly seen a change in the weather. This week has seen the introduction of face masks being worn by staff and students in all corridors and social areas. Again, all members of our community have adapted to these changes remarkably well and we are all doing our bit to ensure we minimise the potential spread of infection and to keep the school open. ***Please ensure your child has their own mask.*** As ever, we will continue to review all operational systems as we move through the first half term.

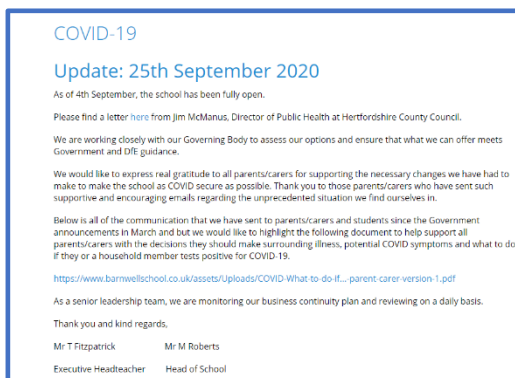
Parents/Carers and visitors on site

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.

COVID-19 Webpage

We have now added a specific COVID-19 Webpage to our school website. This page has up to date information regarding our COVID-19 procedures as well as information guides and all previous parent/carer communication.

Click the picture to view



COVID-19
Update: 25th September 2020

As of 4th September, the school has been fully open.

Please find a letter [here](#) from Jim McManus, Director of Public Health at Hertfordshire County Council.

We are working closely with our Governing Body to assess our options and ensure that what we can offer meets Government and DfE guidance.

We would like to express real gratitude to all parents/carers for supporting the necessary changes we have had to make to make the school as COVID secure as possible. Thank you to those parents/carers who have sent such supportive and encouraging emails regarding the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in.

Below is all of the communication that we have sent to parents/carers and students since the Government announcements in March and but we would like to highlight the following document to help support all parents/carers with the decisions they should make surrounding illness, potential COVID symptoms and what to do if they or a household member tests positive for COVID-19.

<https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/assets/Uploads/COVID-What-to-do-if-...-parent-carer-version-1.pdf>

As a senior leadership team, we are monitoring our business continuity plan and reviewing on a daily basis.

Thank you and kind regards,

Mr T Fitzpatrick Mr M Roberts
Executive Headteacher Head of School

Letter from Hertfordshire County Council Public Health

We have been asked to publish [this letter](#) regarding COVID-19 and support for schools.

NHS COVID-19 App

The school would like to highlight the introduction of the new NHS COVID-19 App designed to extend the speed, precision and reach of NHS Test and Trace in England. The app is available to download for anyone aged 16 and over if they choose to do so.

Please note that during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the use of NHS COVID-19 App in school guidance will be adhered to. To support use of this App, students age 16 or over who have downloaded the app can have their phones switched on silent in their bags.

Click [this link](#) for more information regarding the app.

Cold weather

As the weather changes and the days become colder, could we please ask that if your child wears a coat to school, that it is warm and waterproof. Hoodies are not to be worn as coats.

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Free School Meals reminder

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you do not get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Please refer to the [Hertfordshire County Council Website](#) for further information:

Free weekly webinars to help your family be healthier

Please click [this link](#) to access this free service available to children aged 5-15.

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

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

Mr Fitzpatrick
Executive Headteacher

Mr Roberts
Head of School