

Alison Higgins
Headteacher
Jo Duhig
Deputy Headteacher
Email: office@barham.kent.sch.uk



Barham CE Primary School
Valley Road
Barham, Canterbury
Kent
CT4 6NX
Tel: 01227 831312
Fax: 01227 831096

March 3rd 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on some new information before the big return to school next week. Please ensure you read the guidance sent out with this letter as it contains more details about timings and what children should bring to school every day.

New times for Drop-off & Pick-up

The timings for drop off and pick up have changed since last term for various reasons so please read carefully and avoid coming onto the school site until the correct time. Siblings can be dropped off at the same time (drop off at earliest time and collect at the latest time).

Attendance and Illness

The Department for Education has sent guidance to schools regarding attendance. From March 8th, attendance is mandatory. Please ensure you contact the school office by 9:00 am if your child is unwell. The World Health Organisation has issued an updated list of Covid symptoms which now includes symptoms found in new variants of the illness:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste and smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

If your child is suffering from anything on this list, please do not send them into school. Continue to follow the latest government guidance and get your child tested if they have any of the three main symptoms on the NHS website (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Use of Face Coverings in School

There is no change to our previous guidance. Staff wear face masks in communal areas in school and when dismissing the children. Some teachers choose to wear face coverings in class as well. Your child may wear a face mask if they would prefer but please ensure they have a clean bag to put it in when not wearing it. Please continue to wear a face covering if you are coming onto the school site.



Zoom Session for Parents at the End of this Week

Teachers will send out a link for a Parent Zoom at the end of the week. The meeting will inform you of PE days (when children should wear their PE kit to school) and details about the curriculum, homework, library days etc. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions. Teachers will provide a summary if you are not able to attend.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children in school once again. We have missed them hugely and it will be wonderful to have them back in their classrooms next week.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light blue rectangular box.

Alison Higgins