

25 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to get in touch to reassure you of the plans we have in place to keep your children safe when they return in September.

All year groups will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. We have been working hard to minimise the risks of Coronavirus (COVID-19) by making sure that we have control measures in place in line with the Government guidance.

The school has undertaken a thorough risk assessment which includes:

- maximising distancing between people in school, and reducing contacts wherever possible
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Robust hand washing and respiratory hygiene measures.

We all have a role to play in keeping our school and community safe

Do not send your child to school if:

- they do not feel well
- they have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) or have tested positive
- you, someone in your household or support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive.

You should book a free Coronavirus (COVID-19) test and self-isolate in line with the guidance below and at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

The same guidance applies to school staff.

The rest of this message includes information on what is happening across Barnsley and gives you advice on how to protect you and your family from Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back in September.

Kind regards



Mrs J Wilson
Principal

How you protect yourself and your family

Barnsley council continue to monitor the situation across the borough, working closely with partners and Public Health England, adapting their approach as required.

They know that some of the positive cases in the borough are from people socialising together. While people have missed spending time with friends and family, it is important to remember these two rules:

- When you are outside, do not meet with more than six people together at a time.
- You can only socialise indoors with people from up to two households.

Remember, in both of these situations, **you still must social distance and wash your hands regularly**. You should avoid touching anything unnecessarily, but anything you do touch should be cleaned. This includes walls, doors, door handles, the toilet, the sink and taps.

We can all help to control coronavirus if we stay alert

To protect Barnsley, everybody must:

-  **keep your distance and stay apart - follow government guidelines**
-  **wash your hands regularly**
-  **wear a face-covering where advised**
-  **stay at home as much as possible**
-  **don't leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms and get tested**
-  **work from home if you can**

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Metropolitan Borough Council

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Getting a test for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you are concerned in any way, or you have even mild symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19), you can get a free swab test that takes less than a minute.

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In Barnsley, we have a local testing site on the Courthouse car park in the town centre. We also have a mobile testing unit that will move around the borough.

The Mobile Testing Unit will be in Wombwell on Station Road car park (behind the library), from Friday 21 to Tuesday 25 August and at Mapplewell and Staincross Village Hall, Darton Lane, Mapplewell from Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 August.

Book your test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119, and you can expect your result the next day.

When should you self-isolate?

Self-isolate immediately for at least 10 days if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you have tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus.

Self-isolate immediately for at least 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you have been told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with someone who has coronavirus.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

How to self-isolate – reduce the spread of the virus and do not be a contact

You must not leave your home if you are self-isolating.

Do not

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus