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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Review of Covid Health and Safety Measures

It has been good to see so many children back in school this week following high absence due to the cold and flu virus that affected a lot of people in the previous week.

We have missed Kahlo Class who have been isolating at home. They have been working hard at home and we are looking forward to seeing them on Monday.

It has been reassuring that there have been no further coronavirus cases in school this week and at the current time, no children or staff are absent waiting for test results.

Since being back at school I have been monitoring our covid health and safety procedures and there are a few reminders and changes below which should help to keep everyone as safe as possible on site.

Drop off and Collection from School

Please remember to follow our one way system at these times. I appreciate that it is a longer walk around the building but this important system is in place to support distancing.

Where possible, the second group of children are now being invited in as they arrive rather than waiting for the whole of the group to arrive. This seems to be working well but children should still wait for an adult to give them permission before going into school.

Please remember that the second group collection time is at 3:05pm. We ask that you collect children on time. Teachers are already working a longer day with the earlier start and later finish and also have cleaning of classroom resources to do after school on top of their usual planning and marking so they would appreciate a prompt collection.

Social Distancing and Masks

It is essential that everyone follows the social distancing measures of staying 2m apart from others on the school site. There is plenty of room for everyone to be able to do this.

In line with national guidance about wearing face covering indoors and in busy places, we are now requesting that parents and carers wear a face covering when on the school site, even when outside. Whilst this is not mandatory, we strongly encourage all adults to follow this request for the safety of everyone. Children are not expected to wear masks.

Car Park Gates

Whilst we have had the main car park gates open to support social distancing, this is creating an additional risk as there are more people driving into the car park as children are crossing the driveway.

The car park is closed at drop off and collection time between the following times

- 8:30am to 9:05am
- 2:50pm to 3:10pm

If you have special circumstances e.g. a disability / children who are unwell in the car, meaning that you need to come into the car park, please contact school so that we can make access arrangements for you.

Please do not open the gates to enter /exit between these times unless you have been given access.

Please also take extra care to keep your distance whilst using the one main pedestrian gate.

Scooters and Bicycles

Whilst we encourage active travel to school, for everyone's safety bikes and scooters are not to be ridden inside the school gates.

This week, I have spoken to a number of children and asked them to get off their bikes / scooters (they know the rule!) only to see them get back on them further down the path.

Yesterday, there was an accident between a pedestrian and a child on a scooter, which is not the first time this has happened.

If children continue to ignore this rule, they will be asked not to bring their bike / scooter to school.

Keeping Contact Details Upto Date

Thank you for checking and returning your personal details forms promptly. Those who haven't have been sent a reminder. It is essential that we have your upto date contact details so that we can contact you in case of emergency or if we have to close your child's class.

We have found out that the ParentMail system doesn't allow school to make a change to parents' email addresses. Therefore, you need to change it via ParentMail as well as informing us. Please ask if you need any help with this.

Self-isolation – Please follow Public Health Advice

Please remember that children should not attend school if they or anyone in the household has symptoms of coronavirus, is waiting for test results or has had a positive test.

Similarly, if your child's class has to self-isolate, your child should stay at home for the required length of time.

Reporting Absence

Thank you for taking the time to phone school and discuss your child's symptoms / household situation with Mrs Galley. We are required to keep detailed records so this information is very helpful. If you are unsure about whether to send your child to school, please do not hesitate to phone school and we will do our best to help.

From next Wednesday 7th October, you will be able to use the ParentMail app to report your child's absence. Mrs Galley will phone you if she needs more information once you have reported the absence.

Parent Teachers Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER at 3.30PM

This will be held via Zoom and all parents are welcome.
The link for the meeting is below and a reminder will be sent out during Wednesday.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77997578061?pwd=aXI5ZlU2VUh0RE4vWTRJUkhoL2V4UT09>

Meeting ID: 779 9757 8061

Passcode: 4XpB8i

Parents' Evenings

The Autumn term parent – teacher meetings will take place via video call or phone shortly after half term. Dates will follow next week.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play an important role in supporting the school to provide the best possible education for all pupils and ensuring that the school meets its statutory obligations. You can find out more about the role of the Governing Body at St Barnabas [here](#).

If you are interested please contact the school office stbarnabas@york.gov.uk for a nomination form. I would be happy to talk to you about the role or put you in touch with one of our Parent Governors.

If we receive more than one nomination, an election will be held and parents will be asked to vote for their preferred candidate.

Finally...

I am aware that there are a lot of reminders and requests in this letter. We are very grateful to the vast majority of parents who are following all the safety procedures and being patient and understanding with our new and changing systems.

The children continue to be positive, enthusiastic and hardworking and we are really proud of how well they are doing.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a nice weekend.

Best wishes



Miss K Boardman
Headteacher

DATES

As soon as possible	Please complete Google survey about technology at home https://docs.google.com/forms/d/122nvUqOEnjMY3DCuiYonge-OOuqzhKApuqV9-4TPwP8/edit
Wednesday 7 th October 3:30pm	PTA Meeting via Zoom
Friday 23 rd October	School closed for INSET
Sunday 25 th October	Last day to sign up for flu immunisation Click here for details
Week beg 26 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens
Monday 16 th November	Flu immunisation in school
Friday 20 th November	Photographer in school – individuals and siblings
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday at 1:30pm

Half Term Activities

Click [here](#) to view details of a Multi-sports club to be held at Carr Infant School during half term.