



St Barnabas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School on Monday 8th March

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday. Below is some important information about timings and Covid safety measures.

Start and End Times

These will still need to be staggered in order to reduce congestion on the school site

Class	Start time	End time	Entrance & Exit
Nyong'o Class YR	8:40am	2:55pm	Classroom door off playground
Attenborough Class Y1	8:40am	2:55pm	Classroom door off playground
Johnson Class Y2	8:40am	2:55pm	Key Stage 1 Cloakroom Door
Farah Class Y3	8:50am	3:05pm	Key Stage 2 Cloakroom Door
Kahlo Class Y4/5	8:50am	3:05pm	Classroom Door at back of school
Sentamu Class Y5/6	8:50am	3:05pm	Classroom Door off playground

As these are the start times, **please ensure that your child arrives at school a few minutes earlier so they are ready to go into school at these times.**

The main entrances / exits will stay the same. The playground gates will be locked at 8:55am and the car park gates will remain half open to allow pedestrians to use them for access.

The younger children should still line up on the playground in their classes and the older children should go straight into school when they arrive (from 8:40am).

In the morning, to support families who drop off children at 8:40am and have siblings in the older classes (with the later start time), the older children are also invited to come into school at 8:40am. Their day will still officially start at 8:50am but there will be some activities for them in class from 8:40am.

At the end of the day, the older children will not be sent out at the earlier time so this will mean parents and younger siblings waiting on the playground for a short time. However as it often takes at least 5 minutes for all the younger children to come out, this additional wait time should only be for a few more minutes.

When on the school site, please follow the safety measures below:

- One adult per family on the playground for drop off and collection
- Maintain social distancing at all times
- Please wear a face covering
- Avoid gathering in groups to chat on the playground or at the school gates
- Leave the school site as soon as possible

Uniform / PE Kits

Children are expected to be in full school uniform apart from their PE days when they should wear their PE kit. This should be plain dark tracksuit bottoms / leggings; white t-shirt and dark jumper / top. Class teachers will let you know your child's PE days.

Safety Measures in School

We will continue to follow all the recommended safety measures and full details can be found in our [risk assessment](#). These include:

- Regular handwashing with soap for at least 20 seconds, including on arrival at school
 - Encouraging children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it', asking them to use a tissue if they cough or sneeze and dispose of it afterwards
 - Increased cleaning
 - Increased ventilation of classrooms - doors and windows will be open so children may bring an additional layer to wear
 - Reduced sharing of classroom objects where possible
 - Children being kept in consistent class groups (bubbles) for the majority of the time in school
 - Children and staff not attending school and getting a test if they have symptoms of Covid-19
 - Children staying off school if they feel unwell - monitor for Covid symptoms
 - Children and staff self-isolating for 10 days when advised by Public Health Test and Trace
 - Staff taking part in twice weekly lateral flow tests
 - Adults wearing masks in communal areas and when needing to work within 2m of children.
- Children at primary school are not required to wear masks.**

School Lunches

School lunches will be served from Monday. The [menu](#) remains the same and will start on Week 3.

Settling Back into School

Over the next few weeks, children will be helped to get back into school routines, re-build friendships and enjoy getting back to learning in class.

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for Households and Bubbles of School Pupils and Staff

Households and bubbles of school pupils are eligible to have twice weekly lateral flow tests that can be accessed by visiting a test centre or ordering them to your home. Details are available on the link below. **Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With best wishes



Miss K Boardman

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