



St Barnabas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year. I hope all families have had a safe and restful summer break and that your children are looking forward to being back at school.

To those parents and carers whose children are just starting at St Barnabas, I would like to wish you a warm welcome to the school and hope that your child has a really successful start to their school journey.

I am feeling well after my surgery and period of recovery and I am pleased to have now returned to school. I am really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow. I will be returning to school on a phased return, which means I will build up to being in school full time by the end of September. I would like to thank Kerry Davies and Sheena Powley for their support for the school as Acting Headteachers in my absence. I am really pleased that they will continue to work with me to support the leadership of the school as well as covering the days that I am not in school.

COVID-19 Measures

I would like to thank all families for your understanding and support throughout the last 18 months. Staff in school have faced many challenges balancing stringent COVID-19 measures alongside continuing to deliver the best education possible to all students. This has been all the more manageable having the support of parents and carers, particularly when we have seen cases in our school.

In line with government guidance, we will continue to have a range of preventative measures in place in our schools from September. These include:

- Ensuring anyone with COVID-19 symptoms does not attend school and is advised to have a PCR test.
- Maintaining good standards of hand hygiene. Including washing hands with soap and water when arriving at school, followed by regular handwashing or sanitising throughout the day.
- Promoting good respiratory hygiene by catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue and disposing of it in a lidded bin.
- Routine cleaning of high contact points.
- Ensuring classrooms and offices remain well ventilated by keeping doors and windows open wherever possible.
- Encouraging members of staff and eligible children to get vaccinated.
- Twice weekly testing for members of staff and secondary school students.

Schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing in the event of a positive case, therefore children will only need to isolate if they are advised to do so by NHS Test and Trace. There is no

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requirement for children under the age of 18 to self-isolate or those who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Copies of our risk assessment can be found on our website [here](#). This will be reviewed every two weeks to ensure we continue to have appropriate preventative measures in place. We also have a contingency framework in place should the number of cases rise. This may include the reintroduction of face coverings in some settings; 2 metre social distancing for members of staff and increased testing.

Class Arrangements

Below is a reminder of the information that was sent out in July

Welcome to Rob Smith (Johnson), Jessica Roy and Jo Davison (Attenborough)

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Early Years – Nyong’o	Miss Sarah Curry	Miss Rebecca Ross
Y1 – Attenborough	Mrs Jessica Roy	Miss Jo Davison
Y2/3 – Johnson	Mr Rob Smith	Mrs Karen Murrie
Y3/4 – Farah	Miss Lindsay Graystone	Ms Lorraine Stacey
Y5/6 – Kahlo	Mr Adam Levick	Mrs Paula Faletas

Teachers covering PPA time and providing additional support for pupils: Christine Lennon, Rachel Bruce

SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator): Mrs Carolyn Ray from the Pathfinder MAT will be our School SENCo and will be working at St Barnabas on Fridays. Please address any queries or questions for Mrs Rae to the school office who will forward these on to her.

Support / Midday Supervisors
Miss Autumn Gee
Mrs Amanda Murphy
Mr Paul Novak

Mrs Galley our Office Administrator, has now left to take up another job. Mrs Sarah Thomas, an experienced administrator will take on the role temporarily until we appoint a new administrator.

Timings

School starts for all children at 8:45am and staff will collect children from the playground for a prompt start to the school day. A member of the senior leadership team will be on the front gate from 8:35am to meet and greet the children and parents.

School finishes at 3:00pm. The new starters in Nyong’o class will finish at 1:10pm for the first week.

Lunch times will be from 12pm until 1pm for all classes.

Beginning and End of Days

At the beginning of the day, children should line up with their classes by 8:45am to be led into school by their teacher.

At the end of the day, the children should be collected from the following places:

- Nyong’o (YR) – Classroom door
- Attenborough (Y1) – Year 1 cloakroom
- Johnson (Y2/3) – Key Stage 2 cloakroom

- Farah (Y3/4) – Classroom door
- Kahlo (Y5/6) – Classroom door (at the back of school)

The one way system is no longer needed so please enter and exit via the playground gate.

PE Kits

From this week, we are returning to our usual (pre-Covid) arrangements of children bringing their PE kits to school and getting changed for PE lessons as this is more hygienic than remaining in PE kits all day after getting hot and sticky in PE lessons. PE kits should be brought on a Monday and taken home to be washed on Friday. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. PE kits consist of plain dark jogging bottoms / leggings or shorts and a plain white t-shirt (not vests or cropped tops). It is a good idea to put an additional school jumper in the PE kit for outdoor lessons in colder weather.

Menu

The lunch menu for this half term is the same as before the summer break. Click below to view it.
[Autumn 1 Menu](#)

Newsletter

A weekly newsletter with photos and news from each class will continue to be sent out on Fridays starting from next Friday (17th).

ClassDojo

We are still setting up Class Dojo for the new year so some classes aren't yet fully set up. Your child's class teacher will message you let you know when their class is fully set up. In the meantime, please speak to the teacher directly or send a message via the office if you need to contact your child's teacher.

Breakfast and After School Club will be running daily if there is demand for it. Please contact the office to book a place.

I would like to finish by wishing everyone a very positive and successful school year ahead. It will be fantastic to return to whole school activities again such as assemblies and breaktimes, where children can mix with children outside their own classes. I am sure that this will help to strengthen our wonderful St Barnabas community.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school at stbarnabas@york.gov.uk Tel: 555152

With best wishes

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Headteacher