

# Barnes Farm Junior School

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## Covid-19 Update - 1 week in

One week on from the full return of pupils to school, I wanted to update you all with how systems are working and important updates.

### Protective Measures in School

Our protective measures are working well in school with regular handwashing, enhanced cleaning and 'bubbles' remaining separate throughout the day. Furniture in the classrooms has been re-arranged and social distancing is encouraged where possible. 97% pupils are attending.

### Pick-Up and Drop-Off Route change - Wider access from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

From tomorrow, all pupils and parents should now enter through the car-park. This allows safer, wider access for those entering the school site. The main entrance walkway will now be **exit only** between drop-off and pick-up times. Please adhere to the times below as some are arriving early and then queuing outside which should be avoided if possible particularly given the 'rule of 6' guidance issued yesterday.



**Drop-Off and Pick-Up times - Please don't arrive early!**

Year	Arrive from	Drop off by
3	8:30	8:40
4	8:40	8:50
5	8:50	9:00
6	9:00	9:10

Year	Arrive from	Pick Up at
3	2:55	3:00
4	3:05	3:10
5	3:15	3:20
6	3:25	3:30

### Important Changes to Covid-19 Notifications

In response to feedback, we will no longer be sending out precautionary letters to 'bubbles' to advise when a pupil or staff member is being tested. Instead, we will now only communicate with parents directly if there is a **positive case** of a pupil or staff member confirmed.



## What should I do if my child or anyone in my household presents Covid-19 symptoms?



If you or someone in your household has any of the symptoms listed below, please do not enter the school site and either call NHS 119 or consult [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

- High temperature OR
- New, continuous cough OR
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Studybugs**

We continue to promote the use of StudyBugs as the best way to then communicate with the school regarding any absence (especially regarding any Covid-19 symptoms). This free app has up-to-date NHS advice based on the symptoms you report and it goes directly through to us at school.

If you experience any difficulties with any of the above methods then please contact the school and we will do our best to assist you. Telephone **01245 467973**

### I've had my test result back. Now what?

Please use the StudyBug app (or contact the school) to report the outcome of the test. There are additional messages on StudyBugs you can send to state the result. If you or your child has received a negative result (and they are well enough to return), please send them back into school **after informing us**. You can send us the test outcome result to [admin@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) and we will delete this within 7 days of receiving it.

### Further Government Guidance

Further Government guidance around advice whilst staying at home is available [here](#)

### Guidance for Study during Self-Isolation



If your child is needing to self-isolate but is well enough to study at home then we advise the use of the [Oak National Academy](#). This free resource was signposted during lockdown and offers daily lessons in English, Maths and one other foundation subject area for every year group.

### In the Event of a Bubble Closure



We are in the process of setting the pupils up with individual Microsoft365 accounts so that in the event of a bubble (year group) needing to close on the advice of Public Health England, the year group teachers will deliver three 'live' lessons through Microsoft Teams every day. This requires significant training and planning but is an aim to be deliverable from after October half-term onwards.

Yours sincerely,

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