

**Barrow CEVC  
Primary School**

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**School Opening Measures**

**Sept 2020**

**Guidance for Parents**

# Does my child have to come to school?



School attendance is mandatory from September 2020. The government expects all pupils to attend school and usual attendance rules apply meaning we'll be following up on any absences.



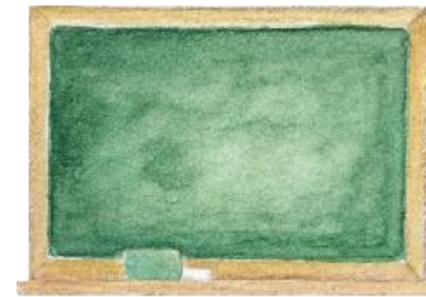
However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We'll be offering remote education to these pupils.

**\*Please note throughout this information when we refer to a "class" we are referring to a whole year group as one bubble.\***

# How are you making sure school is safe?



We are calculating risks and making plans before school is opened.



School will be cleaned more regularly and more thoroughly than normal.



Each class will be a separate bubble



Everyone will be required to wash their hands regularly



Our day will include a staggered start, finish, break and lunch.



If a child or family member is sick they cannot attend school.



Classrooms will be set out carefully with forward facing desks and resources only shared within a bubble.



Playgrounds will be marked with social distancing measures for parents and children.

# What if there is a case of Coronavirus in school?



10 Days

The person with symptoms must isolate for 10 days.



14 Days

The people they live with must self-isolate for 14 days.



14 Days

If anyone at school tests positive, the whole bubble must isolate for 14 days.

# What other changes will there be?



Drop-off and pick-up times will be different for each class.



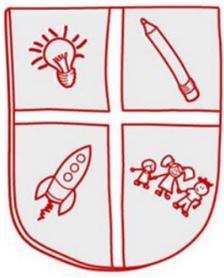
Children may not have all of their normal lessons within the first few weeks of term when we will be prioritising well-being and settling back into school.



Pupils who exhibit symptoms will be placed in a carefully planned isolation area.



Lunch will be eaten in classrooms and children will have outside time at staggered times.



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## **“Will school be ‘normal’?”**

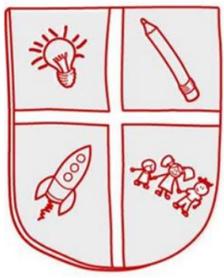
School will look and feel as normal as possible. The class bubbles will not mix with other year group bubbles so there will be no whole school gatherings such as assemblies (although these will still take place remotely) or eating lunch together in the school hall.

## **“Does my child or their teacher need to wear a face mask?”**

The Government is not currently recommending face masks for pupils or staff. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are measures we will be taking in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings will only be worn in the event of giving first aid or providing intimate care.

## **“What happens at lunchtimes?”**

All lunches will be eaten in the classroom or outdoors weather permitting. The desks will be cleaned before and after lunch and pupils will wash their hands thoroughly before eating. We will provide a cold, packed lunch for pupils entitled to a school meal. You will also be able to order a packed lunch for Key Stage 2 children in the usual way. You can, of course, provide your own packed lunch if you prefer. Lunch boxes will need to be cleaned daily or use disposable packaging. Children will have opportunity to play outside at playtime and lunchtime. Your child will remain with the same group and, wherever



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possible, the same members of staff throughout the day.

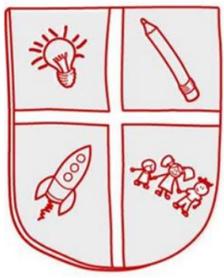
## **“How will the classroom be organised?”**

All classes will be as one ‘bubble’ of 30 children. In EYFS, equipment will be cleaned and disinfected between use, but it will not be possible to seat children separately due to the age of the pupils and nature of the EYFS curriculum. Children from Year 1 to Year 5, will be sat at forward facing desks. Children will be able to sit and work in groups and pairs within their bubble. Children will have their own stationery to use but other class resources will be shared within the class bubble.

It is imperative that every child has their own water bottle in school.

## **“What happens if my child is unwell?”**

Should your child, or any member of your household, display symptoms of Covid 19, do not send your child to school. Follow Government Advice: Covid 19: Guidance for Households with Possible Coronavirus Infection.” (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>). If a child at school displays symptoms of Covid-19, such as a cough or high temperature, they will remain in isolation, supervised by a member of staff wearing PPE including a face mask and gloves, until they can be collected. If a member of a bubble tests positive for Covid-19, everyone in that child’s group must self-isolate for 14 days.



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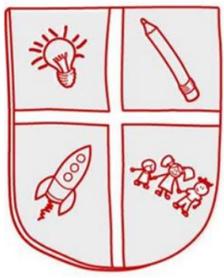
## **“Will my child still receive home learning activities on Google Classroom?”**

No, normal provision will resume in school. However, Google Classroom will continue to be used to set home learning.

Should the school have to return to lockdown or close down a class bubble due to a confirmed case, then the same remote learning offer we have been running since the start of lockdown will continue to be available to all pupils in the bubble at home.

## **“How will my child be kept safe?”**

All children will be kept in class year groups and encouraged to have minimal contact as far as possible. As far as possible they will not interact with children from other bubbles and will distance where they can within their own bubble. There will be no assemblies and groups will not mix at playtimes and lunchtimes. Pupils will wash their hands regularly throughout the day, as well as before meal times and after playtimes. Pupils will be encouraged to catch sneezes or coughs in a tissue or elbow and then to thoroughly wash their hands. Classrooms and toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, as well as high traffic areas such as corridors, door handles etc. Bins will be emptied regularly. Equipment will not be shared outside of a bubble. All children will have safety procedures thoroughly explained.



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## **“What are the timings of the school day?”**

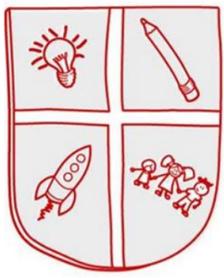
There are now staggered entry and exit timings in place for each year group. Please see separate information sheet.

## **“How do I enter school?”**

You will have received a separate information letter explaining your child’s route of entry into school and start time. This is the only way your child will enter and exit school. Your child must be ready to enter school from the identified time. Please do not enter the school site until your allocated pick up and drop off time. Parents must not congregate. Only one parent may enter the school playground and parents may not enter the school building. Meetings with teachers are through arranged appointments only and social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to.

## **“Who will my child be taught by?”**

Class bubbles will be taught by their class teacher and class teaching assistant. Each group will be taught and supervised by the same members of teaching staff for the whole day, wherever possible. Some movement of staff across the school will, at times be necessary but this will be kept to a minimum if at all possible.



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## **“Will Barrow Extra be operating?”**

Yes. Barrow Extra will resume as normal. Although to minimize children mixing, we will run two separate groups; x1 EYFS and KS1 group and x1 KS2 group. The timings of this provision will remain the same. Anyone new wishing to use the facility can register online via the following link where you will also find details of our updated charges from September 2020:

<https://barrowcevc.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>

## **“Will there be any provision for support wellbeing and mental health?”**

Our experienced Pastoral Team will be available for one-to-one support for children who have developed anxieties relating to the virus and those who have found the long period at home hard to manage. Teachers will be spending time providing positive opportunities to renew and develop friendships, lead discussions around mental wellbeing and staying safe and other appropriate topics which support settling back into school, embedding a school routine and working with staff in school.

## **“Do the pupils need to wear normal school uniform?”**

Yes, pupils will be returning to school in their normal school uniforms. It is recommended that clothing will need to be washed or changed at the end of each day.