



# Barrow CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Term! I very much hope that you have been able to relax and enjoy spending time with family and friends over the break. With the start of term on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September now almost upon us, the staff and I are very much looking forward to beginning the new school year.

Following the disruption of the last sixteen months we plan a return to 'normal' in September. During the pandemic we have had to change many elements of the way the school operates based on government guidance. Like many other schools we have learned from this experience and, having reviewed our logistics and taken on board some of the feedback received, we realise that there are aspects of the changes that remain beneficial to us. We are also mindful that some parents of younger children have not experienced school as it used to be. Please note, however, that *our operating arrangements in the Autumn Term are subject to change should the national situation change*, in which case we will contact you with any important updates. Following on from my update at the end of last term, here are the main points as a reminder:

- We will continue to encourage excellent hygiene amongst all pupils and staff and continue to provide hand sanitiser stations around school. Good ventilation will remain in place and we will review how we manage this as we move to cooler months.
- As per the latest government guidance, face coverings will not be required on the school premises and will be at the discretion of individuals.
- We will no longer be operating in class bubbles. School lunches and assemblies will return to the school hall.
- Although the main front office will be open as usual, email contact has proved to be very efficient. Where possible, please continue to use email or phone for any messages or enquiries.
- Barrow Extra continues to be available for all age groups from 7.45am through to the start of the official school day and until 6pm after the school day finishes. This will continue to operate in two areas with Years R, 1, 2 and 3 in the hall and Years 4, 5 & 6 located in the Learning Lab next to the hall.
- A programme of extra-curricular clubs will return in September – further details to be published at the start of the new academic year.

- The majority of children and parents will enter and exit school via the new building entrance gate. Reception parents will use the side gate near to the main office.
- We are continuing to slightly stagger pick up and drop off timings. Please see the attached 'Pick Up and Drop off Timings – Sept 21' for your child's start and finish times.
- Please take care to park safely and respectfully around the school site. Parking for school pick up and drop off is NOT allowed at Forelock & Load. Please use the village hall and local pub for overflow parking.
- You will find our updated Covid 19 risk assessment on the school website.

As we begin this new school term, I hope you will share the optimism and enthusiasm of the staff and governors for a more settled year ahead. This new academic year finally brings the achievements of our long term plan to become to a full primary school; our phased expansion is now complete as we welcome our first class of Year 6s in September. These are indeed exciting times for Barrow School!

I very much look forward to seeing you all next week as we settle back in.

With warm regards

Helen Ashe  
Headteacher