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COVID Procedures and Parent Consultations

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now well into our third week back in school and what is becoming clear is that there are serious issues with accessing tests for children and families who are displaying COVID symptoms. Please do let us know if you are having difficulty in accessing a test. Thank you to those parents who have let us know about results of any COVID test. It is essential that you do let us know the results of your child's test as soon as you have them, even if they need to continue isolating as there is another family member who has developed symptoms, as this will affect when the child can return to school.

Following a few enquiries from parents, I can confirm that the last day of the Year 3 period of self-isolation is Friday 2nd October. This would mean that the children are able to go out the weekend of Saturday the 3rd October and Sunday 4th October and then return to school Monday 5th October. Yesterday I noticed some Y3 parents turning up at school to pick up siblings.

As you may have seen from today's text to Y3 parents, I am advising Y3 parents to drop off and pick up siblings from each school office at 9.15 am and 2.45pm in order to mitigate contact with others during this self-isolation period, especially if there is no other possible solution for keeping children at home in self-isolation. I realise that this is just not an option for some parents and that parents have to bring their child with them. If you are able to leave your child at home with suitable childcare, then siblings of Year 3 children can come to school at normal time. Should anything like this happen again to another class, this will be the procedure again.

Following having to send Year 3 home last Friday, I thought I would let you know about the protocols we have in place if we have to close a bubble because of a positive test:

1. We will text the parents of the bubble that is being closed and ask you to check your email.
2. We will email you Letter A (given to us by the LEA). This will inform you that a child/adult in the class has tested positive and that the bubble is being closed with immediate effect. You will be required to collect your child as quickly as possible from the front of the school (by the office). You may take siblings home on this occasion if there is an issue with childcare that day. IF you are intending to do this, please ring the school so we can get the children ready for collection.
3. The child in the closed bubble will need to isolate for 2 weeks from the start date of the symptoms displayed by the infected person. We will advise you when we have this information. If your child starts to show symptoms, you will need to get a test. You will also need to let us know that they are being tested and then what the result is.



4. You and any other siblings do not need to isolate unless your child starts with symptoms. We will expect all siblings back in school the following day unless you are advised otherwise.

5. There will be resources on your child's Home Learning page which you can access straight away from the website. Other resources will be available in the following days. Our provision to use Google Classroom is currently being set up so we are hoping this will be a definite enhancement to our remote learning. Please bear with us as we develop the offer as staff may need as much support as parents! Please also be patient if it is staff that are ill and isolating as this will affect the speed at which we can set up the remote learning.

As I mentioned in previous communication with you, we are looking to hold parent consultations over the phone. This will be a chance for you to have a conversation with your child's teacher to find out how your children have settled into their new year group and discuss any particular things that need working on. It would be a good idea if you have a few questions ready for that call so that it is very much a two-way consultation.

To book a consultation phone call with your child's class teacher you can either write a preference in your child's planner or email parentsevening@bardseyprimary.org.uk. Could I ask that you mark the subject of the email your child's year group and it would be useful to give at least two possible times and dates. The class teacher will then email you back to confirm the date and time. I am asking you to bear with us with this, as this is very much a new way of doing these but hopefully it will run smoothly!

**Phone Call Times for Parents Evening – Week beginning Monday 19th October
& Week Beginning 2nd November 2020**

Year	19/10	20/10	21/10	22/10	02/11	03/11	04/11	05/11
	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00	3.45 – 5.00
Reception								
Year 1			X				X	
Year 2								
Year 3								
Year 4								
Year 5								
Year 6		3.20 - 3.50 only				3.20 – 3.50 only		



And finally... it was lovely to see all our new Reception children in together at lunchtime for the first time on Monday. They were very much a smart-looking group of young children all in their new school uniform. I am sure they will all settle in well and get used to being at school for the whole day very soon.

Kindest wishes,

M. J. Knight

Acting Headteacher



