

# Canon Barnett Primary School

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Dear Canon Barnett families,

*It feels like only yesterday that I was writing to you all welcoming you back to the new school year in September 2019, I really cannot believe where the year has gone! It certainly has been an eventful year and one that will be marked in history for years to come.*

*I would like to say well done and thank you to all of our families for the compassion, resilience and positivity you have shown through the pandemic. It has been wonderful to see and share all of the hard work you have been doing at home. Hopefully now that restrictions are being lifted, and as Covid-19 numbers fall, you can begin to get back to some sort of normality and enjoy all of the things so many of us took for granted before lockdown.*

*I would also like to say thank you to all of the Canon Barnett staff who have worked incredibly hard during lockdown, they have remained positive throughout and have kept the Canon Barnett ethos and spirit alive even though it has been very virtual. I feel very honoured to work with such a committed team; Canon Barnett truly is one special place to be a part of!*

*We can't wait to welcome all of the Canon Barnett pupils back to school on the 2nd September, all of the staff are really excited to see you and they have been really busy planning and getting the school ready for your return. This week's newsletter contains information about the return to school and the measures we are putting in place to keep pupils, families and staff safe. Please take the time to read the information below as we have made some changes to the daily timetable.*

*I hope that you all have a lovely, restful and enjoyable summer with your families. Stay safe. See you all on the 2nd September.*

Kind regards

Sarah Jane

## Please read this letter carefully

We understand that there is a lot of information to take in. It is important that you read the whole of this letter but the main points are:

- Children to bring in their own water bottle
- Do not bring children in to school who have Covid - 19 symptoms
- Take a note of your child/ren start and finish time
- Return school library books

## September reopening

Children will be in bubbles containing two classes. The bubble is an important safety measure as it reduces the number of people that the children will come into contact with during the school day. The children will only share spaces with the other pupils in their bubble. Children will be in their own classroom but will share the playground and lunch hall with the other class in their bubble.

### Start and finish times

- Commercial Street and Gunthorpe Street entrances will be open at drop off and pick up
- Families must adhere to social distancing whilst waiting outside the gate
- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents will drop their child/ren off at the gate and will not be allowed into the playground except for pick up
- Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 parents will be allowed to enter the playground and must social distance from other parents
- Only 1 parent allowed to come in to the school playground
- If you need to speak to the class teacher then you must call the school office on 02072479023 or send a message via Whatsapp on 07340 411995 and messages will be given to the class teacher
- Office access is by appointed only unless urgent. Please call the school office if you would like to come into school

Bubble/year group	Start time	Finish time
Bubble 1 – nursery	PT - 09:15 FT – 08:50	PT - 11:45 FT – 15:30
Bubble 1 – Reception	09:00	15:30
Bubble 2 – Y1 and Y2	08:50	15:30
Bubble 3 – Y3 and Y4	08:40	15:20
Bubble 4 – Y5 and Y6	08:30	15:10

### What should my child bring with them to school?

- **Every child needs to bring a water bottle, this should be labelled with their name**
- Pupils can bring a snack in to school as normal

- Pupils can bring in their school bag but contents should be limited (book, water bottle, snack)
- **We allowed all children to borrow several books before the lockdown, it is crucial that you return these books in September so that we can restock our library**
- PE Kit (white T-shirt, blue jogging bottoms/shorts, trainers)

#### What if I have more than 1 child at the school and different drop off/pick up times?

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience but it is important that we stagger start times and drop off times so that we minimise the amount of people in the playground and so that we keep bubbles separate. We have tried to keep the timings close together.

- Bring both/all children to school at the earlier start time, if they are in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 then drop them off at the gate
- If you have a child in Nursery, Reception, Y1 or Y2 then you can bring both/all children into school and you can socially distance whilst you wait for all of your children to be collected by their teacher.
- If it is raining at drop off, then we will take children who are early to their classrooms
- If you are collecting more than 1 child we ask that you arrive at school at the time that the first child finishes and then wait in the playground until the other child/ren are dismissed.
- If it is raining at pick up, we will arrange for all siblings to leave together

#### What measures are taking place at school to ensure pupils, staff and parents are kept safe from Covid - 19 transmission?

##### **Infection control hierarchy**

1. Symptomatic people stay at home and access the NHS test and trace system.
2. Cleaning hands more often than usual
3. Using alcohol gel if handwashing facilities aren't available
4. Respiratory hygiene – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
5. Cleaning frequently touched surfaces and areas in the school
6. Minimising contact and mixing as much as possible

We will not be holding whole school assemblies and there are some areas of the school that will be out of bounds on a temporary basis such as the IT room and the library. We will keep this under review.

We have planned a child friendly and detailed establishment curriculum for the pupils when they return in September that puts their wellbeing at the centre of everything we do. We have planned lots of welcome back activities to rebuild children's confidence and reassure them that their absence from school is nothing to worry about. We have planned sessions to support pupils to understand the measures we have put in place at school and why they are important to follow.

#### Can I keep my child at home?

The government has said that pupils must return to school and that attendance is mandatory. Our attendance policy will continue in September meaning that absence will be monitored and families will be contacted by the school or the Local Authority if absence becomes an issue. We understand that returning to school could be an anxious time for parents and children; we would like families to know that we are here to offer you support. It is really important that your child receives the education they are entitled to and being in school with their peers and their new teacher will ensure that this happens.

**If your child develops Covid - 19 symptoms then you must not bring them to school. You will need to contact the NHS test and trace service.** Once you have received the results of the test then you must let school know who will advise you on when you can return to school

Symptoms of Covid - 19

- new persistent cough
- high temperature
- loss of taste/smell

What if someone in the family home develops symptoms?

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Will after school clubs start in September?

Yes they will be restarting and we will be in touch with you in September with more details

Can my child wear a face mask?

Public health advice states that children do not need to wear face masks in school. There is also a risk that children will not handle face masks safely which could cause more of a risk to themselves and others. If your child/ren wears a mask for their journey to school then they should:

- Throw away any disposable masks in the school outdoor bin on arrival to school
- Non disposable masks should be put in a carrier bag (you must provide this) and then children should put this in their school bag.
- Non disposable face masks should be washed often.

Please make sure that you check the school website for information on the return to school as well as accessing all of the holiday homework that has been set for your children to engage with and enjoy over the summer break. We will also send a reminder of changes via Whatsapp on the 1st September so that you feel prepared.

We can't wait to see you all in September, have a wonderful summer! The CB Team