

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 11 8th June 2020

I hope you all have had a great week and you and your wider family are safe and well. Life continues to be a bit topsy-turvy but with some easing of the lockdown rules, at least we can get outside more.

### Timings for Pupils Currently in School

Last week the teachers and I reviewed the first week back and all agreed that everything had gone smoothly. We did have one observation though and whilst we are working in this adjusted model of schooling, please could the children attending school whether in class or in the Willow club bubbles, ensure that they arrive at school at the correct allotted times so that our staggered starts and pick up times work smoothly and so there is no limited overlap of parents arriving or leaving. Please don't enter the school grounds early just because the gate is open and if you are picking up siblings, in different groups, then please could you wait to collect the older child instead of taking them at the same time. We are happy for Year 6 children to walk to the side large gate or around to the front of the school as long as you have indicated this to us. Could ALL parents ensure that they also exit from the large side gate by the playground.

The correct times for arriving and collecting are:

Elm: 8.30 - 8.40am and 2.30pm.

Beech: 8.45 - 8.55am and 2.40pm.

Oak: 8.30 - 8.40am and 2.50pm.

Cedar: 8.50 - 9am and 3pm.

Willow Clubs: 8.15 - 8.30am and 3.15pm.

Thank you. This will help us all to manage and keep safe the whole school community.

### On-line Payments Launching Soon

I am pleased to announce that this term, we are putting the last details together regarding being able to launch and offer parents and carers the opportunity to pay for school items, such as school trips, on-line through ParentMail, a new facility for parent communication. We had hoped to do this much earlier but because of the large set up costs to the school and Covid-19, it has been delayed this academic year. This has been frustrating for us but we think it will be very useful in the future for everyone. Details will be released as soon as this all in place and we will let you know how it works at the earliest opportunity in preparation for September.

### First Week Back in School

Last week, we welcomed back to school Groups A and B in Years R, 1 and 6 and saw many more key worker children joining our Willow Club bubbles. It was so great to see more of the children again and I know that the children were thrilled to be back. The school environment is now a myriad of one way systems and has 2m distance markings in corridors and in classrooms and so we were unsure as to whether the children would find it too difficult to cope with or too difficult to stick to. We also have had to adopt very strict rules to ensure everyone's safety but all of the children have taken this in their stride and have been very sensible in adapting quickly to this new way of learning. I couldn't be prouder of our children and all so far have been able to move around the building and play whilst socially distancing; this is not easy so well done children! I would also like to say thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to thank us, email us, write to us and send in gifts during lockdown. Every one of those have been gratefully received and appreciated by myself and all of the staff. In a world of uncertainty, it has definitely helped to make us all feel better. Thank you  
*Have a great week. Stay safe and well.  
Kind regards Kate Powell.*