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Thursday 18th November

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you will be aware, last week we reintroduced a number of measures in school due to several confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our school community. Due to the number of cases in school, including additional confirmed cases this week, current measures (class bubbles, staggered start/finish times) will remain in place until at least Friday 26th November.

The school continues to be cleaned daily and staff are regularly cleaning surfaces and key touch points within classrooms. This evening an additional clean will take place; this will involve the school being 'misted' which will disinfect all classrooms, corridors and communal spaces. School will be open as normal on Friday 19th November.

The highly transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19 is still at large, particularly within our region, so it is more important than ever that we all play our part. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe in school, so we ask you to do the same when you are out and about. It is strongly advised that you and your families take extra care if visiting vulnerable individuals or attending large events or gatherings given the proportion of cases in our community.

If your child, or anyone in your household develops any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 listed below, **or feels unwell**, they should **stay at home and get a PCR test**:

- a new continuous cough
- high temperature
- change or loss of taste or smell

Please also be aware that not all cases of COVID-19 show the typical symptoms mentioned above. Some pupils who have COVID-19 do not have any symptoms (asymptomatic) and some recent positive cases have reported more cold-like symptoms, stomach ache and headaches before testing positive.

In order to keep life moving, we need to protect ourselves and our loved ones, by staying alert to COVID-19 symptoms and following self-isolation and testing guidance. We can do this by following the three steps to safety - **Prevent, Notice and Act**.

We can all play our part by:

- Doing a rapid lateral flow test twice a week or more (parents and staff)
- Getting our COVID-19 and flu jabs, if we can
- Remembering to ventilate or meet outside
- Continuing to wash our hands regularly with soap and water
- Respecting personal choice now restrictions have changed
- Being socially responsible and taking care when spending time with vulnerable family members

Barmby Moor Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



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To further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school community and keep our children safely at school, I would urge you to please support me with this.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support. We hoped we would not be in the position where measures from the 2020/21 academic year had to be reintroduced, however your ongoing support has been much appreciated by all members of school staff.

Take care,

Mr J Baxter
Executive Headteacher