

BARNFIELD NEWS



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SCHOOL

Have a wonderful week off! Half term will be from Monday 15th-Friday 19th February. School will be closed and no online learning will be set between these dates.

We also have an inset day on Monday 22nd February. School will be closed for key worker and vulnerable pupils and no remoter learning will be set.



School will be open for key worker and vulnerable pupils on Tuesday 23rd February. Remote learning will be set from this day.

To the Barnfield pupils...



All of the staff at Barnfield want to send you a huge thank you for everything you have achieved this term so far. In the past 6 weeks, you have:

- Become familiar with a completely new way of learning
- Made your teachers and teaching assistants incredibly proud with your hard work every day
- Learned to become more independent and faced new and difficult challenges
- Supported each other on the Google Classroom streams
- Been resilient when faced with challenging tasks away from the support of a classroom
- Reached out to adults when you have needed support



We are so very lucky to have each and every one of you in our Barnfield family. Make sure that you have a restful half term. We look forward to continuing the hard work on Tuesday 23rd.

Thank you.

To the Barnfield parents/carers and other family members...



The staff at Barnfield understand and really appreciate the efforts that you have given in supporting your children's learning these past 6 weeks. You have had to get used to new technologies and new daily routines. We thank you for balancing your home lives, work lives and individual circumstances with your children's daily learning.

We also thank you for your communication with the school at a time when communication is key. The triangulation of school – parent – pupil has never been more important!

We hope you manage to relax and recuperate over the half term period. We look forward to going again from Tuesday 23rd!



Foodbank at Barnfield



Thank you again to the Burnt Oak's Women's group for their support and generosity. Due to their tireless efforts, we were able to hold a foodbank at school to support our community.

Despite it being half term, we WILL be running the foodbank on Wednesday 17th February between 12 and 1pm.

Please bring a face-covering as well as carrier bags. Please be mindful that many use this service and we want to ensure there is enough for all.



Parent Online Safety awareness



Tuesday 9th February was this year's annual 'Safer Internet Day'.

To honour this, a lot of guidance for parents has been circulated. Please follow the link below to see a webinar video that gives parents an insight into the wide array of apps, games and websites that children are using. The session is a must for parents whose children have a presence in the digital world and discussing ways to keep them safe when online.

Please note that the video will only be available until the end of Saturday 13th February.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8944279015072804619>

Parent workshops



We have held a number of parent workshops this term which have been a huge success! Thank you to those who have logged on to find out about how to further support their children in the world of remote learning.

We will continue to hold weekly parent workshops next half term. Please look out for information on these each week.

Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:



RED

If your child has any of the following:

- Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touch
- Has pauses in their breathing (apnoea), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts **grunting**
- Severe difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsive
- Is going blue round the lips
- Has a fit/seizure
- Becomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsive
- Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')
- Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys

You need urgent help:

Go to the nearest A&E department or phone 999



AMBER

If your child has any of the following:

- Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (**recession**) or **head bobbing**
- Seems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)
- Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down
- Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain
- Babies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°F
- Infants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°F
- For all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.
- Is getting worse or if you are worried
- Has persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal pain
- Has blood in their poo or wee
- Any limb injury causing reduced movement, persistent pain or head injury causing persistent crying or drowsiness

You need to contact a doctor or nurse today.

Please ring your GP surgery or call NHS 111 - dial 111

The NHS is working for you. However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed. If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&E



GREEN

If none of the above features are present

- You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS Choices
- Additional **advice** is available to families for coping with crying of well babies. 
- Additional **advice** is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.

Self care

Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111

