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BARNFIELD NEWS

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Covid update



Thank you for your continued support over the last few weeks.

Due to the evolving situation, revised guidance from DfE, Public Health and Public Health Barnet, I have made the following decisions as part of our updated Risk Assessment:

- **Our children remain in phase bubbles.** Staff are monitoring attendance and symptoms across the school. We will continue to notify parents when there is a positive case. We respectfully asked that you continue to work with us and arrange for a PCR test if your child develops any symptoms. Public Health Barnet are asking that all household members have a PCR if someone in the home displays symptoms to further reduce the risk of transmission. We will continue to ask our families to do this too.

- **All training and meetings within school have moved to virtual platforms.**
- **Assemblies remain face to face** at the moment as these are arranged in phase groups.
- **All staff, unless exempt for medical reasons, are now wearing masks** in communal areas in line with Government guidance.
- Onsite visitors are restricted to **essential visitors only**. Where we can, meetings will be held online or in well ventilated spaces.
- We respectfully **ask adults to wear face coverings** at the beginning and end of day to help minimise the risk of transmission in crowded places.
- **Our forthcoming Christmas nativities in EYFS and KS 1 and KS 2 play will now unfortunately be an online performance. This will be the same for our KS 2 Christmas Carols.** You will receive a link before the end of term which will direct you to our private youtube account where you and your family will be able to watch the performances. We ask that you do not share these links on any social media platforms.
- Year groups will celebrate Christmas festivities within their year group setting. A further letter will be sent out at the beginning of next week outlining the arrangements for food contributions.

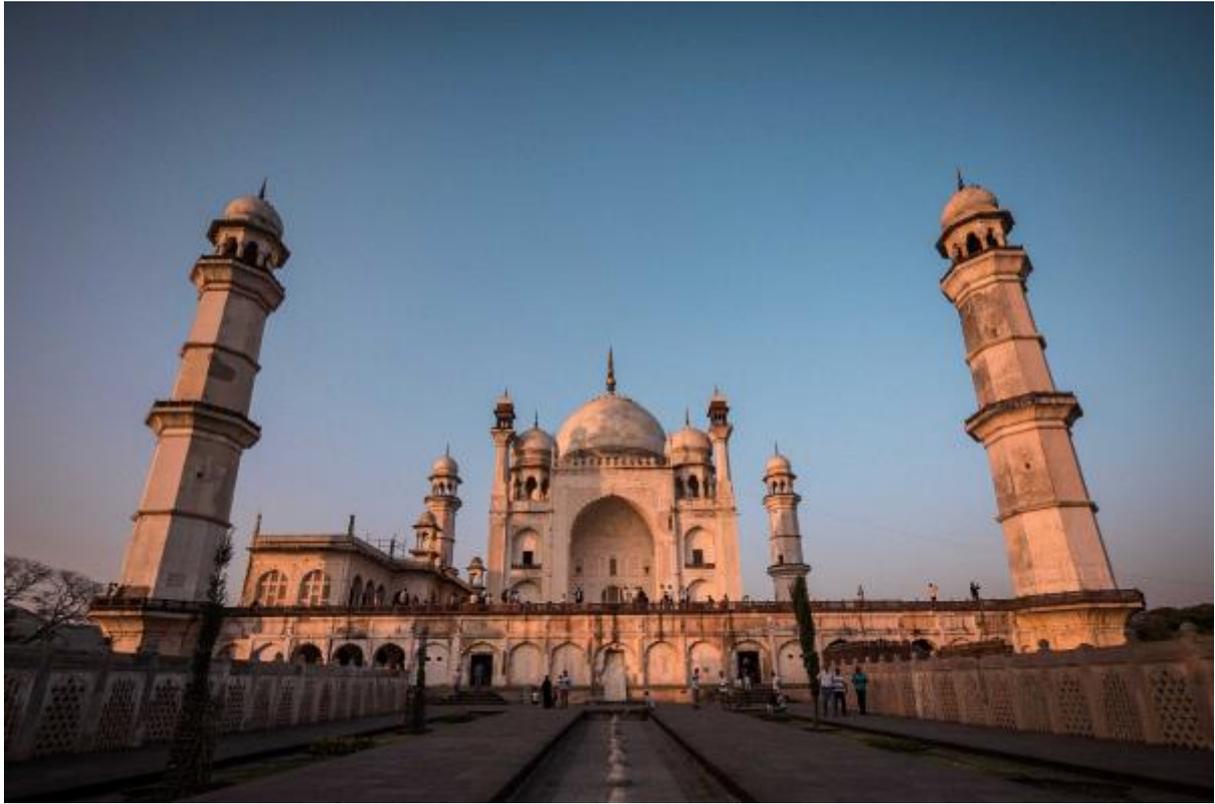
Whilst I truly appreciate the disappointment you may feel with the decision about our performances moving to virtual platforms, I hope you understand that this decision has been given much consideration, putting always the health and safety of our community first.

We will continue to ensure our pupils enjoy the lead up to Christmas and end of term. Children will have the opportunity to watch the other key stages performances virtually in school.

Please remember pupils are encouraged to wear a **Christmas jumper on Friday 10th December**, in exchange for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the beginning / end of the day in the first instance.

Creative me - India Project



A huge well done to Harshni in 4P who created a wonderful project based on India. Harshni took the time to undertake her own research, gathering information about location, food, landmarks and celebrations. It was presented in a really colourful and attractive way. Great work Harshni - it's always a pleasure to see pupils complete extra work in their own time.

Safety Survey for Women and Girls in Barnet



Barnet's Labour Party has launched a survey (that's quick and anonymous) to hear from women and girls to put their voices at the heart of improving safety in Barnet.

Please click on the link below to complete this survey.

<https://www.barnetlabour.org.uk/womens-safety-survey/>

Star of the week



1H

Erik - Being ready to learn and focussed this week.

1L

Rrezon - Showing a fantastic attitude towards learning.

2A

Sara - Putting in amazing effort into all homework this week!

2CW

Ava - Generally making a huge effort in all lessons!

3H

Shivesh - For working very hard in all of his learning

3J

Andrei - For always being kind and thoughtful towards others.

4P

Behzad - For being ready to learn and focused this week!

5G

Zahraa - For her love of learning and being curious about everything

5S

Aisha H - For being kind and caring to all members of the class.

6H

Andreia - For always being ready to learn and always putting in 100% effort into her learning.

6S

Jessica - Taking more responsibility for own learning, showing more maturity as the year goes on

Curious Me - Science



5G have been investigating irreversible and reversible changes in science this week. Everyone was super excited to see the chemical reaction, that created a gas, between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda blow up their balloons.







On time for School



We have noticed that a lot of children are arriving at the school gate very early. Please make sure children do not arrive before 8.45am as the gate is used by car/vans and delivery lorry's in the morning. We can not be held responsible for any child that arrives before school starts and children should be supervised until the gate opens

We are still seeing a number of children arrive late for school. Children should be in their class for 8.55am.

Arriving after this time disrupts your child's day as lessons start promptly after registration. Children arriving late are missing key information being shared during this time. It is also very difficult for the office team as the office is often left unattended in order for late pupils to be walked to class.

Whilst we recognise it can be a challenge getting out on time please make sure you leave early enough to be in school for 8.55am. If your child is late to school, please bring your children to the school office so that they can be marked in, otherwise you may be contacted. Do NOT leave your child at the gate. **If your child is late to school, we are now required by Barnet Council to make a note of the reason for lateness and may result in a fine.**

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

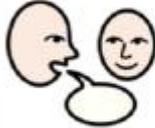
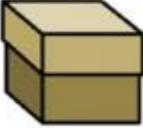
Safeguarding



It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our children safe. If you have a concern about a child please ask to speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers – Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore.

At Barnfield, we want everyone to be safe, healthy and happy.

If something is wrong and you'd like to talk, we will listen!

<p>Talk to an adult</p> 	<p>Use the Worry Box</p> 	<p>Ask to see Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore</p> 
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Don't keep it a secret if anyone is:

		
<p>saying upsetting things</p>	<p>not respecting your physical space</p>	<p>forcing you do something</p>
		
<p>hitting you or hurting you</p>	<p>writing hurtful things</p>	<p>using the internet to upset you</p>

Office Notices



Appointments

Parents should endeavour to make doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours, however, if this is not possible a copy of an appointment card must be shown at the office. We ask that parents do not pick up children from school for an appointment after 2.30pm as this can lead to distractions in their classrooms.

If your child is absent for any reason, please make sure you inform the school office not just the teacher/pastoral care as sometimes the messages do not get passed on and it may result in you being contacted.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am. You must contact the school every day of your child's absence. **School office 0208 952 6026**

From time to time, we know that children can be unwell with vomiting and diarrhoea. Please note that they should not return to school for **48 hours** after their last bout. We appreciate this is inconvenient, and you may not believe that your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we say this in **all** cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

Track And Trace - Covid Support Payment



You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you're on a low income and meet all these conditions:

- you're employed or self-employed
- you, or a child you're the parent or guardian of, has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or been told you or the child are a close contact by NHS Test and Trace
- you cannot work from home and will lose income by self-isolating or staying at home to care for the child
- you're not [exempt from self-isolating](#)

You can still claim if it's your child who has been told to self-isolate.

You need to claim within 42 days of you or the child's first day of self-isolation.

If you're employed, you'll pay tax on the payment if you go over [your tax-free personal allowance](#). Your tax code will change to collect the tax. You will not pay National Insurance contributions on the payment.

You must [report the payment on your Self Assessment tax return](#) if you need to file one, for example if you're self-employed.

Please click on the link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates. Please remember we finish early on Friday 17th December. Collection is between 1.20 - 1.35pm

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