



# HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for your amazing efforts with the remote learning since January. We know it hasn't been easy but your efforts have been fantastic. Your positive responses to our questionnaire have been shared with staff and you gave us a collective 4.29 stars out of 5! Thank you for all of your support. Despite the successes of our remote provision, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the Primary phase back to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We have missed everyone and can't wait to have everyone back together.

The DfE guidance for schools returning in March 2021 was published in February and is available [here](#).

The main points (taken directly from the guidance) are:

- **Much of the content in this guidance will be familiar to you, as it replicates what was in place for the autumn term.**
- **Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.**
- **Implement 'bubbles' of an appropriate size to achieve the greatest reduction in contact and mixing.**
- **Consider staggered break times and lunch times.**
- **Schools should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school.**
- **Schools should consider how to communicate to parents and remind them about the process that has been agreed for drop off and collection, including that gathering at the school entrance and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.**

Therefore, from the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will revert back to the organisation of the primary phase that was in place from September. We have carried out detailed risk assessments and have put in place all measures expected of us to keep the Holy Trinity community safe.

Please note that the government have stated that there is an expectation that all children will return to school in March.

As a reminder:

- Each class will act as a 'bubble' and will remain separate from others as much as possible. They will have one classroom, allocated times for arriving and going home, separated lunch and break times and consistent staffing where possible.
- The start and end times to the school day will continue to be staggered to reduce congestion on the playground. As before, parents will need to drop their children at their designated point on the playground. These are the same as they were for September (see table below). The class teacher will meet their class and take them into school at which point parents must leave promptly. It is important that parents drop off and collect their children on time (not early or late!) and that children know who will be collecting them. If you do arrive late, children need to wait at the main entrance for a member of staff who can admit them safely into school.

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- If you have any concerns or wish to speak with a member of staff you will need to phone the school office (01226 704550), email ([info@holytrinitybarnsley.org](mailto:info@holytrinitybarnsley.org)), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via class dojo. All communication with school will need to be via the school office/class dojo at this time.

Year group	Timings	Entrance/Exit point
Nursery	8:45 – 11:45 am group 12:30 - 3:30 pm group 8:45 – 3:30 all day group	Nursery entrance
Reception	9:15 - 3:15	Reception via the primary reception
Year 1	9:00 - 3:00	Year 1 via the primary reception
Year 2	8:45 – 2:45	Year 2 via the primary hall (next to the main entrance)
Year 3	9:00 – 3:00	Year 3 via Nursery entrance
Year 4	9:15 – 3:15	Year 4 via Nursery entrance
Year 5	9:00 – 3:00	Year 5 via the primary hall (next to the main entrance)
Year 6	8:45 – 2:45	Year 6 via the primary reception

- All children will need to return in school uniform from March. Please check the school website for information on uniform.
- On PE days (which will remain the same as they were in the Autumn term) children should come to school in their school PE kit (PE t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit depending on the weather.) Where possible, PE lessons will take place outdoors, so please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.
- Children will have their own set of equipment provided by school which will remain in school and this will not be shared with others. Children should not bring pencil cases into school.
- Homework will resume and home reading books will sent home and changed regularly.
- Children can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or choose a meal provided by the school kitchen. Please note all dinner money must be paid online (no money be will accepted in school). Please see the school website for more information on how to do this. If you have any queries regarding this, please email [jonathoncawston@holytrinity.barnsley.org](mailto:jonathoncawston@holytrinity.barnsley.org) Lunches remain free for those in FS2, Year 1 and 2 under Universal Infant Free Schools Meals (UIFSM). **All children need to bring a water bottle into school daily as cups and jugs will not be used.** Each bubble has a separate time for lunch, a separate play area and a familiar member of staff.
- Children can bring into school the necessary items they need i.e. school bag, lunch box, homework/reading books, water bottle etc. However, please do not send your child to school with any toys or unnecessary items.
- Staff will continue to promote regular hand washing with running water and soap or the use of sanitiser and ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach. We will continue to clean more frequently on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys.

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the symptoms of Coronavirus (see information below). The guidance states that schools must ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and **must** be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.

Finally I want to thank you all again for your continued support.

*K. E. Falconer*

Mrs Falconer  
Head of Primary Phase

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Mrs Oldcorn  
Acting Headteacher

Parents and carers will need to:

- book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:

a high temperature

a new continuous cough

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

- self-isolate immediately and not come to school if:

they develop symptoms

they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries

they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation

provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace