

Our Ref: CovidMeasuresUpdate

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of our first full week back at school, I wanted to thank everyone who has done everything possible to work with us and to make the new routines and procedures operate as intended.



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**Here are some things we need everyone to be aware of so we can fine-tune these routines and further minimise the risk of viral transmission.**

**Equipment:** To minimise the risk of viral transmission, it is essential that pupils have the usual equipment, including a **glue stick** and a **green pen**. The full list is here: <http://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform>

In addition, they require **aprons** when completing practical work in Food Technology and Textiles. For Years 7, 8 and 9 these are on a rotation and pupils will be notified when aprons are required.

**Clothing:** The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) has warned that, because school windows must be left open to fight coronavirus, pupils should start wearing more clothes and “get used to being cold”. This has been widely reported in the press. For instance:  
<https://inews.co.uk/news/education/schools-pupils-more-clothes-get-used-to-being-cold-windows-must-be-open-covid-scientists-630374>

Pupils will not be allowed to wear coats in classrooms but they may choose to wear plain, white vests and t-shirts below their shirts and/or a black v-neck jumper, in accordance with our existing uniform policy:  
<http://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/>

**End of the day:** We have reordered the staggered end of the day. Year groups will now be dismissed from Period 5 at these times:

3.00pm Years 7, 12 and 13  
3.05pm Year 10  
3.10pm Year 9  
3.15pm Year 8  
3.20pm Year 11

**Parking:** Please do not park close to school site. Arrange to meet your child away from site. The main road has been heavily congested several times and members of the community have alerted us to parents double-parking on verges, making it potentially unsafe for pupils. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, emergency services attending an accident further up the Beacon Road were unable to get past because of parents' cars blocking the route.

**Extra-curricular provision:** They will commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Please note that some of the days for particular clubs have been changed since the original version so we can maintain year group bubbles. The most up-to-date edition is here: <http://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/extra-curricular/>

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