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1st April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



Barr Beacon School
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End of term information

This letter contains some important updates and reminders.

Masks in class after Easter

The government has yet to announce whether pupils will be expected to wear masks in classrooms after the Easter break. We imagine this will be a big news story when they have reached a decision. Unless you hear otherwise from us, assume that pupils will continue to bring masks to school to wear in classrooms after Easter.

Move of training day to 25th May

We have decided to move our staff training day, originally scheduled for 25th June, to Tuesday 25th May. Pupils will not be in school during this day. The reason for the move is that there are no exams going ahead this year and, in these extraordinary circumstances, we need to devote time to the grading of pupils in Years 11 and 13.

Competitive sport between schools

From Monday 5th April 2021, the Covid-19 restrictions that have been placed on competitive outdoor sport will be removed, meaning that PE fixtures against other schools and colleges can resume. From the 12th of April 2021, indoor fixtures will also be allowed. Our Physical Education faculty will be working with colleagues at other schools to bring back extracurricular sporting fixtures during the summer term.

Self-testing continues

It is important for pupil to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of Covid, as part of a regular routine of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week).

Please check our dedicated webpage about self-testing if you are unsure about anything:
<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/self-testing-at-home/>

What if my child tests positive over the Easter break?

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being at school and tests positive (on a confirmatory PCR test) within 6 days of being in school then it is very important that you email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk, telling us your child's name, their form, when they started to develop symptoms, when they were last in school and the best number to contact you on. This is so we can identify close contacts and inform them that they must self-isolate. If your child tests positive for Covid, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, we do not need to be contacted. You should follow contact tracing instructions provided by [NHS Test and Trace](#).



Example 1

Your child finishes school on Thursday 1st April. They develop Covid symptoms on the morning of Saturday 3rd April. They do one of their self tests and it is positive. They book a confirmatory PCR test and that is also positive. You must inform us postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk because they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school.

Example 2

Your child finishes school on Thursday 1st April. They develop Covid symptoms on Sunday 4th April. They do one of their self tests and it is positive. They book a confirmatory PCR test and that is also positive. You do not contact us. You follow the instructions of NHS Test and Trace instead. Although please do remember to report your positive lateral flow test result on our usual Microsoft Forms link available here:

<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/self-testing-at-home/>

Easter Resources

We realise that many of you are keen to support your child's continuing academic progress during the Easter holidays. This was a sentiment shared during our recent Parent Forum meeting.

To that end, our subject specialists have created a collection of resources that pupils in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 can use support their academic progress during the Easter Holidays.

<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/easter-resources/>

Further details were shared in our recent letter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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