



HARROWBARROW SCHOOL

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Full re-opening of school on Monday 8th March

Dear Parents & Carers,

In preparation for all children to return to school on Monday 8th March, I am sharing the information you need to know about. Our priority is to provide school-based learning for all pupils, whilst implementing protective measures that reduce the risk of Coronavirus transmission. In preparing for this, we have used the latest Department for Education (DfE) guidance to inform decisions.

This letter will take you through key information you need to be aware of. However, our risk assessment and safer working procedures are available for you to read on the school website too.

Class bubbles

Children will once again be taught in full class groups. These bubbles, will continue to be kept apart from other class bubbles during the day to reduce the risk of transmission. Class bubbles will also eat lunch in their own rooms. We will continue serving hot meals. Equipment will not be shared between bubbles. This system worked well during the autumn term.

Staff have been assigned to work with each bubble and, where possible, we have reduced the number of bubbles staff work with.

Staggered drop-off and pick-up times

Again, the system we used last term worked well and will be continued. To ensure we maintain social distancing between parents and carers please observe the following:

- A one way system will be in operation; parents and carers to only access the site from the front playground entrance and leave via the school drive path.
- Parents and carers must not access the building without prior agreement.
- At the start of the day, children should be handed over to their bubble teacher, who will be on the door to greet them. If you are following another parent/carer please stop and remain 2m behind whilst they undertake this handover.
- At the end of the day, teachers will be at their doors looking out for parents and carers. They will hand children over in a reverse of the morning drop-off. Please stop and remain 2m behind other parents and carers until this handover is completed.
- If you have children in more than one bubble, please choose the drop-off time which is best for you. However, we expect you to keep to the corresponding pick-up time. For example, if you have a child in the Class 2 bubble and a child in the Class 4 bubble you may choose to drop both children off during the Class 2 bubble drop-off slot, but must also then collect both during the Class 2 bubble pick-up slot. It would be helpful for teachers if you could indicate which time slot in advance.
- Please be punctual to help us maintain this system.

- Please be considerate of others when using the path leading to the village hall car park; we have all become used to maintaining social distancing by walking around people so this is probably second nature for you now.

In a change from the autumn term, we now ask that parents and carers wear protective face coverings whilst on the school site. This is intended to reduce the risk of transmission between parents and carers.

Class bubbles	Staff	Drop-off time	Pick-up time
Class 4	Melissa Pinfield, Andrew Hunt, Heather Thomson, Jo Cocking	8.30am	2.50pm
Class 3	Sam Watts, Andrew Hunt, Lesley Connell, Jane Carne	8.40am	3.00pm
Class 2	Emma Kalarus, Andrew Hunt, Jo Walker, Jane Carne, Sharron Wilde	8.50am	3.10pm
Class 1	Tom Ottewell-Taylor, Hilary Walker, Sharron Wilde	9.00am	3.20pm

What children will need:

- Unless children are having a school dinner, they will need a packed lunch in a small bag or lunch box which they are able to keep under their desk.
- A mid-morning snack (optional). Infants continue to receive a free healthy daily snack through the government scheme. However, to ensure Class 3 and 4 children are able to have something to eat, which will support their concentration during the long morning period, please feel free to send them with a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks) or nuts (must be in a sealed container). Crisps and biscuits are not permissible.
- School uniform will be mandatory again from 8th March and details for this are on the school website: <http://www.harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk/uniform/>. Please ensure your children have the correct uniform and black school shoes (no boots).
- A rainproof coat.
- On PE days, we would like children to attend school wearing their PE kit (PE kit of black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers/pumps, sweatshirt or tracksuit in colder weather). This will reduce the risk of infection through changing clothes, storing PE kits in congested cloakrooms and better enable parents to wash kit between uses. We will not be doing PE indoors (at the village hall) due to the increased risk of infection from physical activity in a less well ventilated space. From Monday 8th March we will issue each child with a free set of tracksuit bottoms and PE sweatshirt to be worn on PE days:
 - Class 1 – Wednesday
 - Class 2 – Thursday
 - Class 3 – Tuesday
 - Class 4 - Friday
- Reading books: We will operate the same system as last term. Children will bring reading books home again. Once the book returns to school, it will be quarantined for 72hrs before being sent out again. To start with, we are asking parents and carers to observe the following system:

- Classes 3 and 4: children will bring books home on a Friday, which will need to be returned the following Friday.
- Classes 1 and 2: children will bring home books for parents and carers to read to them. These will be sent on a Friday and need to be returned the following Friday. Children need to have a regular diet of having books read to them, as well as learning to read for themselves. We will also be sending home a Read Write Inc book for the children to read to you.

What children will not need

- To avoid cross-contamination, personal items/toys must not be brought into school.

Childcare provision

Once again, we will provide before and after school childcare. Provision will be the same offered during the autumn term. Please liaise with the school office for further information.

Extra -curricular provision

We are not offering any after school enrichment clubs before Easter. However, from the start of the summer term we will be offering one sport and physical wellbeing club per class bubble each week. An external coach will run these and further details will be shared in due course.

I am also be liaising with our peripatetic music teachers to work out how we might bring back this provision on site as soon as possible.

Hygiene & protective measures

Systems implemented during the autumn term, to reduce the risk of transmission through regular and thorough handwashing and increased cleaning schedules, will be maintained. Following a change to DfE guidance, staff will be wearing face coverings in the corridors, to avoid transmission between adults in this confined space where social distancing is not possible. Teachers in classrooms will not wear face coverings.

All school staff are offered twice-weekly lateral flow test kits to use at home. These are intended to identify asymptomatic Covid-19 cases.

Communicating with the school

We ask parents and carers to continue using non-face to face methods of communication with school staff where possible. The use of emails was an effective method last term and, in the absence of face to face daily contact, ask that you continue using this approach from Monday 8th. You may also telephone the school to speak to staff or report absences.

The school office will continue to be closed to all but essential visitors and we will only be able to accept school meal payments using School Money. If you have any difficulties with this, please contact the school office.

Key school contacts

Elaine Moyle, school business manager (office queries, school attendance and finance): emoyle@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Andrew Hunt, headteacher (child protection & safeguarding, special educational needs and school provision): head@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Abi Nicolle, emotional health and well-being support worker (pastoral support, autism, attachment): abinicolle@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Melissa Pinfield, deputy headteacher and Class 4 teacher: mpinfield@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Sam Watts, Class 3 teacher: swatts@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Emma Kalarus, Class 2 teacher (Mon-Thur): ecanning@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Tom Ottewell-Taylor, Class 1 teacher: tomtaylor@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this information and I will endeavour to help. We really look forward to seeing you next week and hope the transition back into school is as seamless as possible for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hunt.
Headteacher.