



## Barlaston First School

### Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020



### Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

Dear Parents/Carers,

Amidst all the current Coronavirus difficulties, there are lots of things we do not know the answers to and, until we are advised otherwise, we are carrying on and approaching school life with common sense and a balanced and sensible attitude!

Here's a few points to note though;

- \* Cleanliness and hygiene is a priority and children will of course be hand washing more regularly, be encouraged to follow all advice regarding general hygiene matters, eg sneezing into tissues etc. Additional tissues, soap and cleaning products have been ordered and planned for the coming weeks.
- \* The school will be cleaned as thoroughly as possible on a daily basis.
- \* We understand and appreciate the fact that you may make the decision to not send your child/ren to school due to vulnerable family members. In these cases, please be assured that no fines or unauthorised absences will be issued. All we ask is that you let us know.
- \* Please inform us if your child is showing any symptoms of the virus and if they or your family are self-isolating.
- \* We intend to stay open unless directed otherwise. We will endeavour to cover any staffing issues that may arise as effectively as possible.
- \* The trips that we have planned will go ahead including the forthcoming Year 4 residential trip will go ahead unless notified by the establishments. We will of course keep you updated on this.
- \* We continue to seek updates from the DFE and Public Health on a daily/hourly basis to inform any decisions we make.

We hope you can support and understand. Things are difficult and uncertain for us all and feel very unsettled.

We would ask that you follow the government guidelines to keep your child at home for 7 days if they display either of the symptoms:

- a high temperature – your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means they've started coughing repeatedly

Please see [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) for further information.

Let's be kind, look out for each other, show understanding and above all, work together for the good of the whole school community.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Clarey and Team.