

*'Learning, Growing and
Achieving Together'*

Barlby Bridge CP School

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Conduct on School Site

In line with the School Acceptable Behaviour of Adults Policy, we ask that all members of the school community treat each other with respect. This is to ensure that staff, parents, and children receive the entitlement of a safe and protective environment in which to work and learn.

In line with the policy, we ask that the following expectations are met for all adults attending the school site:

- That adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises.

Please note that physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language, verbal or written, to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in withdrawal of the right to be on school premises.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our school environment is a kind and welcoming place for all members of our school community. The full policy is attached to the Newsletter email, for reference.

Online Safety Guidance

Children and young people's online habits have changed dramatically, in part due to the restrictions imposed through the coronavirus pandemic. Studies show that children are now spending more time online and an increased percentage are reporting being subjected to harmful or inappropriate content.

While the internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends and access learning, it can also bring many risks. It is really important you regularly talk to your child about ways they can safe online and about the apps and sites they're using.

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. It can help to:

- reassure them that you're interested in their life, offline and online. Recognise that they'll be using the internet to research homework as well talking to their friends.
- ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they're using so you can understand them.
- be positive but also open about anything you're worried about. You could say "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here."
- ask them if they're worried about anything, and let them know they can come to you.
- ask them about their friends online and how they know they are who they say they are.
- listen for the reasons why your child wants to use apps or site you don't think are suitable, so you can talk about these together.
- ask your child what they think's okay for children of different ages so they feel involved in the decision making.

We will be publishing a fortnightly electronic guide for parents related to the online platforms being regularly accessed by children in school. Please take the time to read these and use as a discussion point with your own child at home. The first of the guides relates to 'Roblox' and is attached to the Newsletter email.



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances for Reception and KS1 children have been planned as a face-to-face event this year. There is an online booking system which should be used to secure tickets for these events. Please ensure that a ticket is booked for each member of the household attending.

Pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 will take part in a short Christmas celebration which will include carols, readings and poems. Parents are welcome to join us in school for these events, which will take place straight after school on separate days for each year group. You will receive communication next week with further details and information about the ticket booking system.

Tickets for all performances are limited to 2 per family to allow for social distancing.

In line with North Yorkshire and NHS Test and Trace Guidance, the school has completed a risk assessment and the following expectations apply:

- All adults attending performances must wear a face covering (or otherwise present proof of medical exemption.) Any adult attending without will be provided with a face covering. Refusal to wear a covering will result in non-admittance to the performance. All staff will also wear face coverings at the events.
- It is strongly advised that all household members attending the performance take a lateral flow before attending the event. This also includes siblings attending.
- Anyone with a positive test result must stay at home, and household members should follow national guidance for close contacts.
- Remember to keep a respectful social distance between yourselves and people who are not in your group.
- You must not travel to the event if you are feeling unwell. If you start to feel unwell whilst at an event you should leave the site immediately.
- Remember to follow all COVID-19 measures in place at events including regular hand hygiene.
- Once seated, adults should not move around the school hall or premises until the end of the performance.

There will be hand sanitiser available in school and the hall will be arranged to allow distance between seated adults. In addition, there will be visible signage clearly explaining the code of conduct expected for staff and visitors before and during the event. Thank you for your support in ensuring these events and performances are enjoyable and safe experiences for all parents, pupils, and staff.

Please note that if there is a rise in COVID-19 case rates in school then these events will be cancelled, and this may need to happen with only very short notice.

**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

North Yorkshire
County Council

Selby library
@SelbyLibraryNorthYorks

FREE

Christmas Reading Challenge

Read four library books before Christmas and earn stickers, prizes, a certificate, and a personalised bauble for your tree!

Ask at your local library for details

From 20th Nov Ages 4-11

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 29 November	Voting closes for Parent Governor vacancy
Wednesday 1 December	Votes counted for Parent Governor vacancy
Monday 6 December	KS1 Christmas Performances begin
Friday 10 December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas party day and non-uniform
Thursday 16 December	Christmas lunch day
Friday 17 December	School closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 4 January	Staff training day
Wednesday 5 January	School opens
Thursday 17 February	School closes for Half Term
Friday 18 February	Staff training day
Monday 28 February	School opens



Children in Need



A huge well done to all of our children and staff, on a successful and enjoyable day last Friday, 19 November, in aid of Children in Need, and a special thank you to our parents / carers for all your donations for the Pudsey Bear merchandise, and to our pyjama / non-uniform day donations. Thank you for using our 'cashless school' process.

We raised a fantastic £102.50 in donations via School Money from children, their parents, and our staff. And £265 worth of official BBC Children in Need Pudsey Bear merchandise was sold! Amazing!

Parent Governor election

Thank you to all who have sent in their sealed votes for our ballot box ahead of Parent Governor election Wednesday 1 December.

If you have not yet used your voting slip, you have until the end of the School day, Monday 29 November to return this.

Sincere thanks for the interest received in our Parent Governor vacancy, and we hope to see the will share the name of our newly elected Governor with you as soon as we are able.

Christmas

We have lots coming up in School for our final weeks before Christmas!

From Monday 6 to Thursday 9 December, we have our Key Stage 1 Performances.

On Friday 10 December we are taking part in the Nationally celebrated Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. We will look forward to raising awareness and funds for this charity and having festive fun in the process!

We will have an exciting last week of Term with plans for the FOBBS Christmas Movie nights on Monday 13 December and Tuesday 14 December at £1 per child. Look out for the consent form for your child to attend this, coming out next week! Then we have Party day on Wednesday 15 December; Christmas lunch day on Thursday 16 December; and the last day of term on Friday 17 December, please note that School will finish at normal time on this day and is planned to be a normal uniform day for the children.



School Gates

Please remember that School gates open at 8:35am, locking at 9am. And again at 3pm, locking at 3:30pm. Carpark gates are locked during school hours and we respectfully as that you **close the wooden perimeter gate behind you if you visit the Office.**



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS COMING!

