

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson

Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

22nd February 2021

Dear All,

All schools reopen fully on the 8th March...and so will we.

I know for some children and their families and for some staff too things may not be so straightforward and we will have to work together to overcome obstacles to and soften anxieties about returning to school: we will do that work in the same spirit of pragmatism and friendship that has helped us navigate all this so positively.

I expect the period from the 8th of March and up to the Easter Holidays to have its challenges and ups and downs with the realistic expectation that everyone without exception, both pupils and staff, will be reliably in school and safely and happily back into something resembling normality in the summer term.

The school will soon be appointing a temporary interim headteacher from within for September and this is a sensible and common sense decision by the governing body rooted in needing to delay any permanent and potentially external appointment until a full and normal recruitment and interview process can happen. The job is too significant not to, for example, actually meet with candidates and see them interact with children and staff.

The summer term then will be a time of transition too where I will be focussing on helping the interim headteacher plan and prepare for September. I have already delegated to our deputy headteacher Dave Jones any decisions that will impact the school next September so recruiting new staff and admitting new pupils obvious examples.

Thanks everyone.

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