

## Barley Lane School

*Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork*

### **Time to reinvigorate and revisit and augment when a new strain is much more transmissible:**

- Be habitually and authentically kind to, and affirming with, each other and the children and young people across our community; that underpins safe behaviours and wellbeing.
- Do not hesitate to call out COVID unsafe behaviour in pupils and use the standard letter to alert parents and carers but if they persist we must be tough to keep the majority safe and to embed COVID unsafe behaviour as taboo like racism and homophobia.
- Similarly call out each other on any lapses or emerging frailties that are COVID unsafe.
- Maintain social distancing as much as is possible and practicable in context\* use classroom and communal spaces intelligently: move about the school just as we have all learned to do in the supermarkets.
- Ventilate, ventilate, ventilate...more clothes and more heating but never less ventilation
- Use PPE proportionately and pragmatically when social distancing difficult for example in a school vehicle or risks greater (you have a health vulnerability to manage)
- Stay “encapsulated” : operate small consistent groups of children and adults in little pods as mini-schools and avoid mixing with others.
- Encapsulated in your “pods” go and learn and play outside whenever is possible and practicable because it is safer.
- When we eat together we do so as has been our habit at lunchtime in our groups in our classrooms and we do not gather as we used to for breakfast for example in more normal times.
- Frequent and thorough handwashing is a must for all of us kids and staff alike as is the discreet but habitual wiping of work surfaces and equipment.
- Declutter and have attractive, welcoming but easy to clean classrooms.
- We hold children rarely and must avoid it unless there is a greater and immediate harm; if it becomes evident any of our vulnerable children make themselves and others unsafe we will look at other ways to support them.
- The risks predictably have been and are shifting and mercurial (both the children and the virus) and will impact all of us and our families so we must be “alert” and alive to those emerging risks and how best and safest to respond.

One critical advantage we have as a group is we are steeped in notions of our personal responsibility for our own and others' health and safety and the matter of **dynamic risk assessment** is a close and familiar ally and we will meet and share and plan at each day's beginning and its end and as each day unfolds we will talk habitually of risk and risk management and staying safe as we always have...

\*rather than generating endless risk assessments apply social distancing with proactivity and pragmatism on-site and off and raise and discuss if in doubt: fishing lends itself to social distancing for example as does cycling and walking and most inherently unsafe activity is still prohibited to ensure social distancing can happen. Please don't forget hand washing and sanitizer wherever you are?