

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

We have now been back in school for four weeks! I am really pleased with how successfully and how smoothly the return to school has been for the children. Mrs Lowes, our Chair of Governors visited school last week to talk to a selection of children about how they felt the new term had started...As is often the case, she was delighted to speak to the children and hear from them about what a good time they were having in school and how they were adapting to the new rules and routines. One thing we have all been surprised about is how much the majority of children have enjoyed keeping within their bubbles and sitting in rows for their learning!

Obviously, this week we have heard of new restrictions nationally and also local ones for the Barrow Borough Council area. James, our music teacher delivered his first online music session on Monday to the Y4 children which was very successful! We will be sharing more information about our 'blended learning' approach next week.

Several children chose to wear masks this morning on the way into school but then took them off inside. I want to be absolutely clear with all parents and carers about our policy on this:

DfE states that with all other precautions in place, the wearing of a mask is currently not required by children in school at the moment. However, we feel that families who are concerned about the risks of attending school to vulnerable individuals within their household should be allowed to choose to wear an appropriate face covering. If families want their children to wear a mask, we will support them in this, but they must wear them correctly and **all** times apart from when they are eating. I am not prepared for the wearing of a mask to become a fashion accessory or an object that children play with and take on and off during the school day.



You will have no doubt heard of several local schools where they have had to close bubbles due to positive Covid cases either amongst the children or the staff. We are very fortunate in that we have not had this situation so far. It is important that everyone is fully aware that we do have a number of children self-isolating at the moment due to positive Covid tests results but this is within their families or 'close contacts'. I can reassure all children and their families that we are prepared and ready to act if unfortunately, we have a child or member of staff who becomes ill or develops Covid symptoms.

Please contact myself directly or any member of staff if you have any further questions or concerns regarding any of these issues in this letter.

Take care; stay safe,

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David Reddy
(Headteacher)

