



The Borders Partnership of Schools
**Barnby & North Cove and Glebeland
Primary Schools**



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Dear Families

It is with a sense of pride that I write to you following our first full week back at Barnby & North Cove Primary School and Glebeland Primary School. It is a joy to see the schools filled with positive, happy children. It has been a different start to the year to which we are used to but the staff and pupils have adapted admirably.

At both schools, the staff teams have worked incredibly hard to ensure the school was ready for the return of our pupils. As with any new system, there were hiccups, which we have now addressed, but I want to recognise the work by staff that has gone into making sure our schools are working well and are fantastic places to be. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them.

Parent feedback & communication:

We are a school that welcomes constructive feedback so that we know what we are doing well and where we may need to improve. As I have said previously, we welcome feedback but we do ask that your emails are worded kindly and constructively and are sent to members of staff during working hours. Our teachers work very hard and are entitled to their evenings and weekends. Therefore, as from Monday 14th September, I will be putting the following system in place:

- Staff have been asked to put in place an out of office notification on their email systems for any emails that are sent or received outside their working day.
- Your emails will be responded to within 2 working days, of course if your concern is urgent and needs addressing immediately please phone the schools' offices.

I recognise that sometimes you may feel frustrated or need further clarification about information you have been provided with, however, please do consider how you word your emails.

We also very much welcome positive feedback - in fact we love receiving it, **so please do email the teachers with recognition of their hard-work.**

COVID:

We operate a high-level of confidentiality and we will not and cannot release the names of any pupil or staff member being tested. We will keep you fully informed through our letter system; please be patient, once we have received notification of test results we will inform the school community.

I am aware of rumours that have been circulating on social media, please do respect the privacy and feelings of our community - this is a challenging time for all of us.

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School Values:

As a team across the Borders Partnership we have been thinking long and hard about the values that are important to our schools. Below are the values we feel provide the culture and ethos that will ensure our schools go from strength to strength.

Community	Respect	Ambition	Excellence	Positivity
<p>We work together as a team, supporting each other to achieve our very best.</p> <p>We recognise and celebrate our individuality and embrace the richness this brings to our society.</p> <p>We have a sense of identity and belonging.</p>	<p>We are thoughtful about the rights and needs of others.</p> <p>We are polite and kind in our words and deeds.</p> <p>We look after our school.</p>	<p>We challenge ourselves and others and work hard to achieve highly.</p> <p>We celebrate our achievements.</p> <p>We strive to be the best we possibly can be.</p>	<p>We have a willingness and enthusiasm to learn and we always try our best.</p> <p>We only accept the highest standards in all that we do.</p>	<p>We believe that everyone can be successful.</p> <p>We approach challenges with a can-do attitude.</p>

Music:

We are really pleased to be able to offer our top-quality Music lessons at both schools again this year. We have followed the guidance in relation to the safe provision of music so some lessons may look different to how we are used to seeing them.

Birthday cakes/treats:

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, cakes and similar items cannot be brought into school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Scott

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