



LEARN TOGETHER

'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'

21st November 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Health & Safety of Pupils, Parents, Staff and Visitors

A number of incidents have been brought to my attention over the last couple of weeks with regard to before and after school. In light of this, I feel that it is important to share a reminder of our procedures.

Before School

Doors open at 8.45am until 8.55am where school staff supervise children coming in to school. No pupils should be on the school premises before 8.40am unless they are closely supervised by an adult.

For parents who need to drop children off earlier than 8.40am, free breakfast club doors are open from 8.15am until 8.30am. Children need to be booked in by 9am on Friday of the previous week and can come along any day you wish.

Junior pupils have been reminded that in the morning, if they arrive at 8.40am, they are to wait sensibly by their cloakroom door until it is opened at 8.45am by a member of staff. Infant pupils need to remain with their adult who has brought them to school until school staff open the cloakroom door.

After School

Infant children who are waiting with parents for their older brother and sisters should be very closely supervised by the adults collecting them. No ball games or use of the school equipment is permitted at this time on the school premises.

Recently we have had instances of children being unaccompanied across the other side of school on the field and kicking footballs all over the playground. Before I joined the school, families were not permitted onto the playground and waited on the pavement outside school. We reviewed this and have opened our gates at 2.55pm for a few years now to ensure that families are off the roadside. However with this comes the responsibility of ensuring that all children are supervised closely within the school grounds and we rely on parents / collecting adults for this.

We appreciate the infant parents who are not collecting older siblings vacating the premises and alleviating parking pressures on the roads outside school as quickly as possible. Many thanks for this.

Please can you ensure that all adults who collect your child from school are aware of these procedures which are in place for the safety of all involved with the school.

Mobile Phones

Some Year 5 and 6 pupils bring a mobile phone to school as they walk unaccompanied from home which we know will give parents important reassurance around safety and are very sensible with this. The children have been reminded that although they may choose to keep their phone in their hand on the way to school, we expect it to be put away at the school gate as they enter the premises. The children hand their phone in to their teacher when they unpack their bag when they come in to school where it is kept secure during the day and handed back at hometime.

Parking

Finally, I would also like to thank all parents who park safely and appropriately outside school. I also ask for your support in letting Mr Hill, in the school office have any registration numbers of vehicles who are manoeuvring / parking in a dangerous manner which can be reported to our PCSO / the police.

We do appreciate the vast majority of our children and parents are very mindful of their own safety and the safety of others and unfortunately in these instances it is a small minority who are not mindful of other people. As always 'diolch yn fawr iawn' for the continued support from those families who care about the safety of all of our children at Barker's Lane.

Yours faithfully

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