



LEARN TOGETHER

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

26th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Once again I would like to thank you for all of the support you have given and continue to give to your children and our school with distance learning. The warmer weather, an opportunity to meet with another household outdoors and for children to come back into school for a 'check in and catch up' before Summer is so very welcome after these long months apart.

We are really looking forward to seeing and talking to the children, whether that be in their allocated face to face small group sessions or through video / telephone call if you have opted for this instead of sessions in school.

Hopefully by now, you will have had chance to look at the parent information booklet sent out last week and also the booklet for the children to become familiar with how things will work at school.

Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

We commenced our new drop off and pick procedures this week with families who have been accessing childcare, this has enabled us to feel confident that these work well. Staggered timings will reduce any congregation near the **top entrance gate** and the **middle exit gate**. It will also enable families to social distance on the yard and outside the school grounds.

A few things to remember to ensure your child's transition works in the best way that it can for them and all other children and families:

- **Please check your date and time.** If you arrive on the wrong day, we will not be able to allow your child to come in with the group and this would be upsetting for all. *The text message was sent on 19/6/20 with this information. If you are unsure / have forgotten the date, please contact your child's teacher through Seesaw who has this information.*
- If you are bringing your dog along for a walk to school. Please tie the dog up well away from the entrance / exit gates. Your child **must** be accompanied onto the yard by an adult. No dogs are allowed onto the school grounds.
- **Please be on time for your child's session.** It is fine to arrive no more than five minutes before but **if you are late arriving, your child will be unable to access the session** as groups will have gone in and there is no access for late arrivals through the front door.
- Please organise anything that your child has with them, their showerproof coat and water bottle when you are on the yard **not** just outside the gate to enable all families to enter and leave the yard safely and efficiently.
- **All children must stay with an adult**, including younger siblings if it is necessary for them to come with you for drop off. **No child should be walking / running around the yard before or after the sessions.**
- If you have a message / query for the teacher, please send this via Seesaw, email mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk or telephone the school office between 8.30am and 11.30am. **We will be happily, looking forward to seeing you all but please do not attempt to pass messages to teachers at drop off / pick up. This is new to us all and we do not want any messages missed / forgotten because our focus will be on ensuring all children and our staff are safe.**

Distance Learning – Challenge Plans

As promised at the beginning of this half term, teachers and school staff have been working hard to devise a plan for these last weeks of term which incorporate lots of whole school challenges that we would normally do over the course of the term – Eco Week, Wellbeing Week, Entrepreneurial Fair and Sports Day.

A plan for whole family activities will be shared on Seesaw later today which encompasses eco-activities, wellbeing challenges, performance and entrepreneurial tasks amongst other things There is also a little teaser about 'virtual sports day' which will be coming from 10th July.

Please don't be daunted by the amount of activities – they are a menu for your child/ren to choose from and hopefully will be able to be enjoyed as a family together over these next three weeks. Please only do as many as you can manage, there is no obligation to try and do them all over the three weeks.

Class teachers will still share a small number of literacy and numeracy tasks on Seesaw for your child if you wish to continue with these too.

Please remember that the challenge plan is for the three weeks, don't put pressure on yourselves to surge through all of the tasks by a week on Monday or indeed even by the end of term. There are many more tasks than you would need, this is to cater for a wide range of interests that the children have.

We would love you to share some photographs / videos. We would like to create a celebration page on our school website and share lots of the things that you have been doing / do over the next three weeks. If you would like anything to go on the website, please share it on Seesaw or email to me directly on edwardsc44@hwbcymru.net making it clear that you are happy for the photo / video to be shared on the school website.

Information for children who are not returning to the school building for a 'check in'

We understand and respect the difficult decisions that all our families have had to make. As you are aware you have been offered video or telephone call check-ins for children who are not returning to any sessions in school before the end of term.

- Teachers will be in touch with you over the next two weeks and organise the video or telephone call requested on your initial form that you returned.
- Anyone who did not give a preference or has changed from a face to face check in, will be contacted. **You do not need to contact school. Teachers will be in touch with you.**
- Reception to Year 6 children not returning may have belongings in school, for example P.E kit, pencil case and their school books. Teachers will put these together and we will arrange a contactless pick up from outside the front door:

Surname A – J: Wednesday 8th July 1pm-2.30pm only

Surname K – Z: Wednesday 15th July 1pm-2.30pm only

Please do not come at any other unarranged time. Do not worry if you are unable to collect on these dates / times. We will put the items into our storage until September.

Summer Holiday Childcare

WCBC are in the process of collating a list of paid childcare provision for over the Summer holiday period which you may wish to use. Wraparound Care Club will be open for Holiday Club from Monday 20th July until Friday 21st August.

The cost of childcare is £20 per day (8.30am-5.30pm) or £11 per half day (8.30am-1pm or 1pm-5.30pm). Your child would need to bring their own health snacks, water bottle and packed lunch if they access the provision.

Booking is now open to **keyworker families only** via the After-School Club tab on the School Money app. There are a limited number of only 15 places in Holiday Club. After Friday 3rd July, any available places will then be opened up to all families who may wish to book childcare.

If you have any questions / queries about Holiday Club please email Mrs Brand, Club Manager directly on RobinsonC38@hwbcymru.net or telephone 07484 860104. **Please do not direct enquiries to the school mailbox about holiday club. Diolch.**

Finally I would like to thank our wonderful staff team at Barker's Lane who have worked tirelessly to get all of the areas ready in school, alongside providing childcare and distance learning over the last three weeks. Often working without guidance available to us and changes made at short notice. Like you many of them have been home working, home schooling and balancing their life in this situation we have all found ourselves in. Their professionalism and attention to detail for ensuring we can continue to create a happy, safe and caring environment for your children has been second to none.

We should all feel incredibly proud of the role we have played in our school and local communities – pulling together to support each other, family members, friends and neighbours in these unprecedented times we have experienced. Thank you to our key workers and to everyone else, as many of us will have had tough times in this long period.

We are all looking forward to seeing your children, welcoming them back for some time with us and with small groups of their friends. For those children and families that we will not be seeing face to face before Summer, we send much love and will be in touch.

Very best wishes



Mrs Edwards