



What do I need to
know about
coming back to
school?

An information booklet for
EY children at Barker's Lane

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Dear Children

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Barker's Lane. It has been a long time since we have seen some of you and things have changed a little bit in your class and our school since you were last here.

This booklet will help you to see and learn about some of the changes we have had to make to help us all keep learning and be safe.

We have had to have some new rules and make these changes because of the coronavirus.

Our golden rules are still the same -

- ☺ Be ready
- ☺ Be respectful
- ☺ Keep everyone safe

It will be very important to follow all of our rules. If this has been tricky for you before, your family and teachers will help you to learn all about these. We are doing lots of extra things to keep everyone safe at Barker's Lane and we will need your help by following the rules.

You may be feeling excited and happy about coming back or you may feel a little bit worried. All of these feelings are okay to have...we always say at Barker's Lane, that all feelings are fine to have but it is the way that we deal with them that is important.

You will have time to play, have fun and talk to your teacher and other children in your group and together we will all help each other. We will also be able to help with anything that has been tricky for you when doing your work at home.

We are really looking forward to seeing you and catching up with some of the lovely things that you have been doing.

See you soon

Mrs Edwards and Everyone at Barker's Lane

When getting ready and arriving at school, you need to...

- ☺ Come to school in your own clothes – sports clothes like shorts and T-shirt or joggers are best.
- ☺ Wear pumps or trainers, no flimsy sandals or flip flops. Make sure you have velcro / buckle fastening if you can't tie your laces yet or even better, practise laces with your mum or dad.
- ☺ Leave any teddies or toys at home.

- ☺ Come onto the yard at your special new time. Come through the top gate by the red patch and post box. Here is a picture to help.



You need to be on time – there is no entry through the front door.



- ☺ Come to school with an adult and wait together on a special spot on the yard. This is to help with 'social distancing' or 'keeping a space between other people and your family'. Here are some pictures of the yard.



Can you see the spots inside the big yellow rectangle on the yard?



- ☺ Mrs Gargan or Mr Dodd will come to a special area at the top of the steps on the yard and call you to come forward with your family member. You can say 'hwyl fawr' then and you will go down the steps into school.
- ☺ Go into school with Mrs Gargan or Mr Dodd, whilst your mum, dad or other family member will then follow the arrows to go off the yard through the middle gate, by the top of the ramp.



← You will walk down the steps.
Your adult will follow the arrows to the middle gate. →



When you come into school...

☺ The first thing that you will do when you come into school is 'wash your hands'. Remember to use soap and wash all over Every part of your hands for at least 20 seconds.



☺ Next you will put your water bottle in a basket with your name on in the class.

☺ Then you will notice that lots of tables have been taken out of your class, things have moved around a little bit or that it looks a bit different. There will be spots on the carpet for you to sit on. Perhaps, you will have seen these before.



☺ Your name will be on one of the spots. Look for this and sit down. School staff will help you with this. Do your very best to keep your hands to yourself and only touch your sitting spot, this will keep all of the other spots nice and clean for everyone else to sit on.

☺ Finally, remember to wave, smile or say hello to your friends from your sitting spot. They will be happy to see you.



☺ Do put your hand up if you need any help or want to ask the adults something.



☺ Don't get up from your sitting spot without asking one of the adults.

☺ We will be going outside as much as we can when you come into school for your 'check in'.

In your classroom.....

- ☺ Only use the toys and equipment that your teacher has given to you. Please do not share toys and equipment with anyone else. Usually this is the kind thing to do, but the coronavirus means we have to all have to try use our own belongings and toys for ourselves.
- ☺ When we are inside, we will be working on our own. You will still be able to see and talk to your friends in a classroom voice.
- ☺ Keep a big space where you can from other children and adults in class. We call this 'social distancing'. 
- ☺ We will help you to find ways to play with your friends and have fun - remember though, no hugging or kissing your friends!



We still have lots of toys to play with and will be going outside as much as possible.

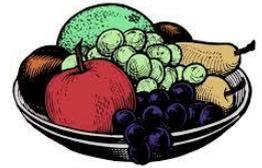
Going to the toilet...

- ☺ You can go to the toilet at any time, just put your hand up and ask an adult.
- ☺ Only one person can go in to the toilets at once. The adults in school will check that the toilets are empty and ready for you to use.
- ☺ Remember to wear shorts or trousers that you can pull down and pull up all by yourself. You might need to practise this with your mum or dad.
- ☺ Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds in the sink after going to the toilet. Dry your hands with a paper towel and then put it in the bin.
- ☺ We will be doing extra cleaning in the toilets – spraying the door locks, flush handles / button, taps and the soap dispenser.



At snack time....

☺ You will need to bring your own healthy snack to school. You need to be able to peel or open this yourself. You might need mum or dad to practise this with you.



☺ Your teacher will organise for all of your group to wash their hands before having snack and we will wipe the tables to make sure they are nice and clean.

☺ You will eat your snack in your own space. After snack everyone will wash their hands.

Outside activities....

☺ We will be doing lots of outdoor activities. Your teacher will be with your small group.

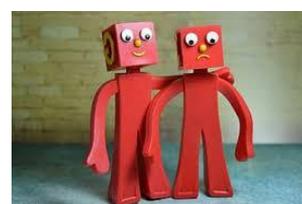
☺ Each time we come back in from outside, everyone will wash their hands.

☺ You don't need your P.E kit for school. Everyone will be wearing their own sports-like clothes, pumps or trainers so we can go outside and do as much exercise and outdoor activities as we can.

☺ If your P.E kit is still on your peg in school, Mrs Gargan and Mr Dodd will organise for this to go home with you when you come back to school if your parents want them to. Mum and dad have a special form to fill in on the internet to let us know, so you don't need to worry about this.

Whatever we do, remember to try to do your very best to keep a safe distance between you and your friends, and you and your teachers.

We will help you to remember this and we will also make sure that things are still fun to do.



Following the rules....

☺ Our golden rules are still the same:

Be ready
Be respectful
Keep everyone safe

☺ Rules are important. Rules help us know the right choice to make and how we all can keep ourselves and others safe.



☺ There are some new rules like staying on your sitting spot on the carpet, putting your hand up to ask to go to the toilet, coughing /sneezing into your elbow or a tissue and keeping a safe distance from your friends and teachers. We will help you with these but we expect everyone to follow them as best they can.



☺ There are also some new rules about where to walk in the corridor. There are arrows and shapes to help you. All of the adults in school will help you remember too.

☺ Everyone must follow the rules. You will know that there are consequences when rules are broken. If you choose to break the rules, one of the consequences will be, that you may not be able to come to school with your friends.

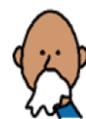


☺ We will give you lots of help, but if you have found following the rules tricky before or have made silly choices which have resulted in you getting into trouble, it would be a good idea to ask your mum or dad to talk to you about the rules and why it is so important to follow them.

If you feel poorly...

☺ If you are feeling unwell, let Mrs Gargan or Mr Dodd know as soon as possible.

☺ Remember to cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
Put your tissue in our special tissue bin after you have used it.
You will need to wash your hands after you cough or sneeze.



When it is hometime.....

- ☺ Everyone has to be collected by an adult or a big brother or sister who knows the rules about social distancing at the new special time.
- ☺ Your family member will wait on a coloured spot on the yard and Mrs Gargan or Mr Dodd will take you out at the end of the session to meet them. You will then follow the arrows to leave the school yard together through the middle gate.



Feeling a little bit worried.....

- ☺ Remember all of these things are new for everyone, not just you and we will be here to help you.
- ☺ Lots of children might have the same worries as you...
 - I have missed my friends but I don't know if they will be in school.
 - I don't know if I can play with my friends.
 - I don't know where I am going to sit.
 - What if I forget something?
 - I will miss my family.
- ☺ We will help you with any worries and will be making sure that you have lots of fun.
- ☺ Remember, children all over the world have had to stay home from school for some time....you are not on your own.



If you have questions about anything which is not in the booklet, you can ask mum or dad to help you send a message to Mrs Gargan or Mr Dodd on Seesaw and they will help.