



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

An information booklet for
Y1-6 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 school since you were last here.

This booklet will help you to understand 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. Lots of you will perhaps know this already, but if not this booklet might help you understand what the changes are and why we have had to make them.

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, you will need to talk to your family to help you. 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, you may feel a little bit anxious or you may be disappointed because all of your friends won't be in class at the same time. 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 talk to your teacher and other children in your group and together we will have some fun and share and support each other with any worries that you have had. We will also be able to help with anything that has been tricky for you when completing 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 – ideally sports clothes like shorts and T-shirt or joggers because we will be spending time outside where we can.

☺ Wear pumps or trainers, no flimsy sandals, flip flops, crocs or heeled shoes. If you are wearing laces, you need to be able to tie these yourself. You might need to practise this with your mum or dad.

☺ Come onto the yard at your special new time. Come through the top gate by the red patch and post box – you might not have used this gate before. Here is a picture to help you.



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?

This is where you need to wait.



☺ Your teacher 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 in, 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 take your coat and water bottle into the class. We are not using the cloakroom.

☺ Then you will notice that lots of tables have been taken out of your class or that they look a bit different. Your name will be on one of the tables. 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 table, this will keep all of the other tables nice and clean for everybody else.



☺ After that, you can sort your belongings out by putting your coat on the back of your chair and your water bottle on the table.

☺ Finally, remember to wave, smile or say hello to your friends from your table. They will be so pleased 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 table without permission from 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 equipment that your teacher has given to you. Please do not share equipment with anyone else. Usually this is the kind thing to do, but the coronavirus means we have to all use our own belongings.
- ☺ There might be other equipment in class that you need to use, put your hand up and an adult will let you know what to do.
- ☺ When we are inside, stay at your own table to do your work. 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 your class (you might have heard of this as 2 metres away). We call this 'social distancing'.



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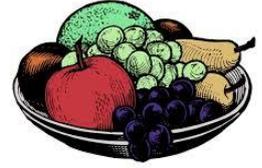
Going to the toilet...

- ☺ We will be having toilet breaks just like we usually do in school, but if you need to go at other times, just put your hand up and ask an adult.
- ☺ Don't leave 'needing a wee' until last minute! Only one person from each class can go to the toilet at once. The adults in school will check that the toilets are empty and ready for you to use.
- ☺ You will notice that everyone has to use the cubicles, whether you need a wee or a poo!
- ☺ There are signs on the cubicle doors. Only use the cubicle for your class.
- ☺ Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds in the sink that has a sign above it for your class. 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 and break 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 your table to make sure that it is nice and clean.

☺ You will eat your snack at your own table. We will wipe your table afterwards so it is clean for you to work at.

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

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

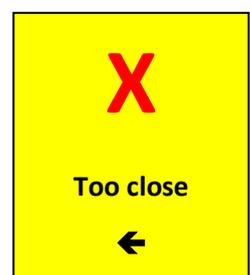
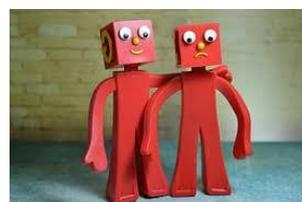
No usual P.E but lots of outside activities....

☺ 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, school staff 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 activities 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:

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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 at your table, 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 markers 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.



- ☺ 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 one of the adults working with your class 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 your teacher 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 or anxious.....

- ☺ Remember all of these things are new for everyone, not just you and all of the adults in school 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 my group.
 - What if someone breaks the rules or I forget to keep a safe distance?
 - I don't know where I am going to sit.
 - Will I remember how to do my work?.....and many other worries!
- ☺ We will help you with any worries and give everyone chance to share these if they want to or just to listen to how others are overcoming their worries.
- ☺ Remember, children all over the world have had a similar experience to you and 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 always send your teacher a message on Seesaw or Hwb and they will help.