



Shared Learning

In line with Welsh Government guidance, at Barker's Lane we have been working hard to develop our approach to learning to ensure that we can adapt to different possible scenarios of in-school learning and learning at home. Our aim is to develop a joined-up experience for the children, building on how they can connect what they do in school to tasks that they can also do at home.

At present, the national aim is to ensure that schools can stay open to all pupils, however there may be times when your child needs to remain at home but they are well enough to learn. For example if another family member was poorly and your family were isolating or whilst another member of the household was waiting for a Covid test—your child could still be learning.

There is also a possibility that a class or the school would have to close due to a cluster or outbreak. In these cases, schools will provide remote learning experiences.

As schools, we are now much better equipped to respond to the different scenarios that could face us all. Since the return to school, staff have been working hard with your children to up-skill them to access learning more independently and are in a position to keep in regular contact.

Shared Learning Book

On Friday 18th September, your child will bring home their shared learning book and tasks for this half term. **This book is to keep at home, please do not send this back to school each week.**

The tasks have been developed with the children in line with our usual homework policy. Normally we ask for these to be brought into school on specific dates, however instead we are asking the children to upload a picture onto Seesaw when they would like to share their work. New tasks will be updated each half term.

As well as normal homework, if your child has to isolate at home whilst waiting for another household member to access a test, in those first couple of days, we ask that they try to complete some of these tasks to support their learning.

Reading

Each teacher will be releasing books on our 'Bug Club' for the children to read at home. Your child will have access to a range of books within a band to read. **We would encourage you to read with younger children every day for a short time, this is much better than one or two marathon reads a week!**

Each book has advice for parents and there are opportunities to listen to audio and answer questions by clicking on the bugs in some of the books. The children are also rewarded with 'coins' to spend in the 'bug club' shop!

Mrs Richardson is preparing a video to share on Seesaw about the different features which will be helpful to parents.

Teachers will still be reading other books in school with your child. We have established a quarantine system to ensure that your child only is handling their reading book.

Teachers will be monitoring reading on bug club and will release additional bands when appropriate. We will assume that you are happy with your child's reading unless you contact the teacher via Seesaw for any advice or support. We would love to hear on Seesaw from your child if they have really enjoyed a book but you do not need to inform your child's teacher each day about pages they have read, etc, as this will create a significant backlog in our system.

Active Learn—Maths

Children will be provided with their Active Learn maths password to access digital maths games allocated by their teacher.

When does my child access this learning?

Shared Learning Tasks	For working on in your usual homework routine In the first couple of days of isolation, if your child is well
Reading (Bug Club)	Every day wherever possible; please also encourage your child to read independently / share other books from home with you
Active Learn Maths	For working on in your usual homework routine In the first couple of days of isolation, if your child is well

How will my child continue learning if they or their class are isolating?

If your child has to isolate for a period longer than a couple of days, for example if your family has to isolate or a class has to close, work will be provided via Seesaw for younger children and via Google classroom / Hwb for older children. Providing they are well, your child's teacher will keep in contact over this period. They may be asked to complete some activities digitally and others in the shared learning book.

Tasks will be varied and follow the approach that we have adopted for teaching in school. The children are practising the digital and independent skills that they need almost every day in their normal classroom learning and know that we will be expecting them to work at home for you.

Verbal or written feedback will be provided for some tasks and activities would be uploaded to ensure continuity of learning.

For any parents who need support to access Seesaw or find out more about Hwb / Google Classroom, there are 'How to..' guides on our school website which have been developed by school staff to help. These can be found on <https://www.barkerslaneprimary.co.uk/learningathome/>

*New Seesaw codes will be sent home with infant children inside their Shared Learning Book. Junior children log in to Seesaw with their Hwb user name and password. **Please test this out with your child at home and let us know if there are any problems as soon as possible.***

If your child is in the juniors and does not have access to a tablet, chrome book, lap top or PC at home, please don't hesitate to let us know and we can arrange to support with this. (Although they can use a mobile phone for some things, it is not enough to access their learning fully).

