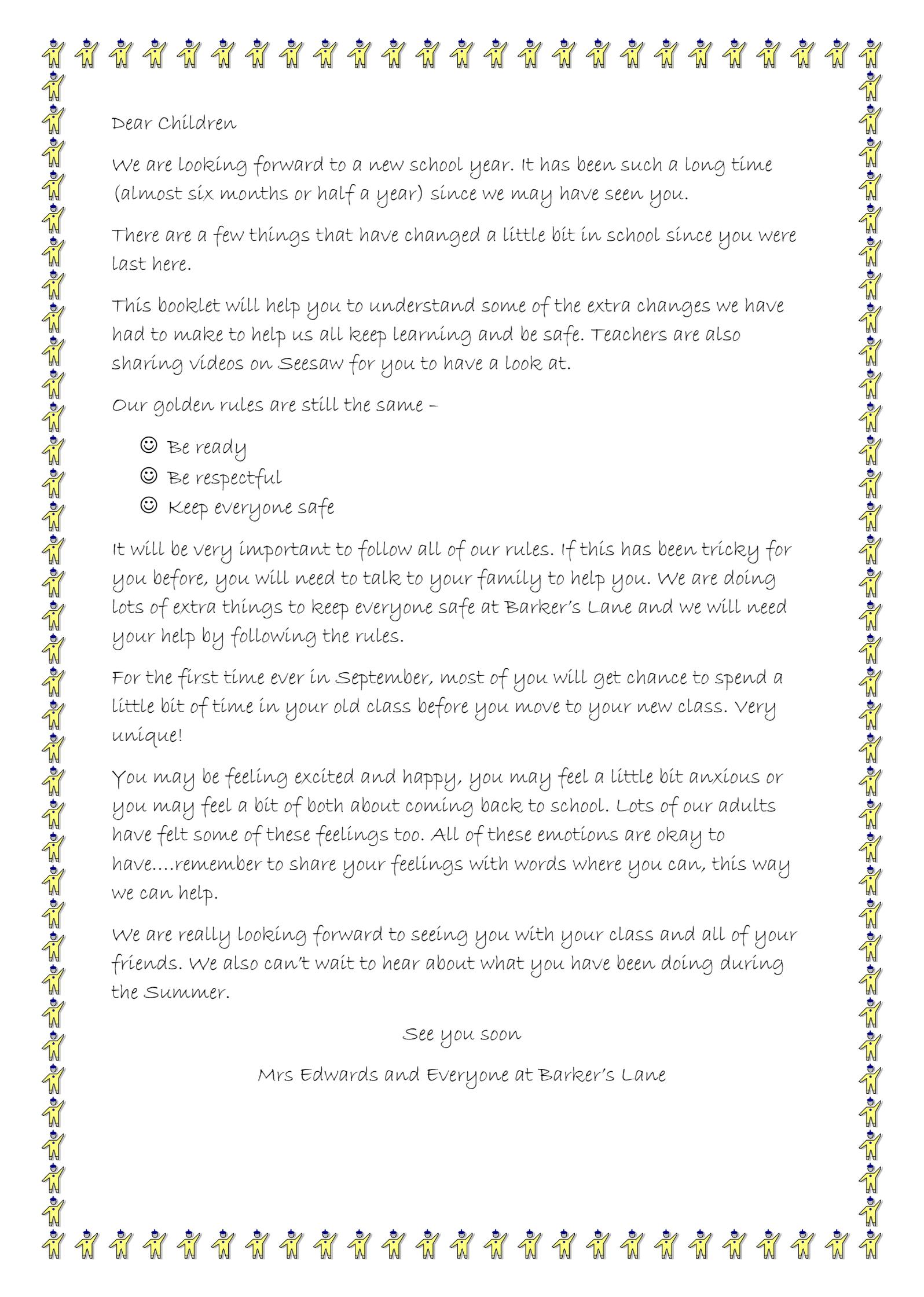




What do I need to
know about coming
back to school this
September?

An information booklet for
EY children at Barker's Lane

September 2020



Dear Children

We are looking forward to a new school year. It has been such a long time (almost six months or half a year) since we may have seen you.

There are a few things that have changed a little bit in school since you were last here.

This booklet will help you to understand some of the extra changes we have had to make to help us all keep learning and be safe. Teachers are also sharing videos on Seesaw for you to have a look at.

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.

For the first time ever in September, most of you will get chance to spend a little bit of time in your old class before you move to your new class. Very unique!

You may be feeling excited and happy, you may feel a little bit anxious or you may feel a bit of both about coming back to school. Lots of our adults have felt some of these feelings too. All of these emotions are okay to have....remember to share your feelings with words where you can, this way we can help.

We are really looking forward to seeing you with your class and all of your friends. We also can't wait to hear about what you have been doing during the Summer.

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 T-shirts, dark joggers and dark zipped tops / hoodies 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 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?



- ☺ Our school staff 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 the school staff, 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 'clean your hands' with hand sanitiser.



☺ Next you will put your water bottle in a basket.

☺ Then you will notice 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.

☺ 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.

In your classroom.....

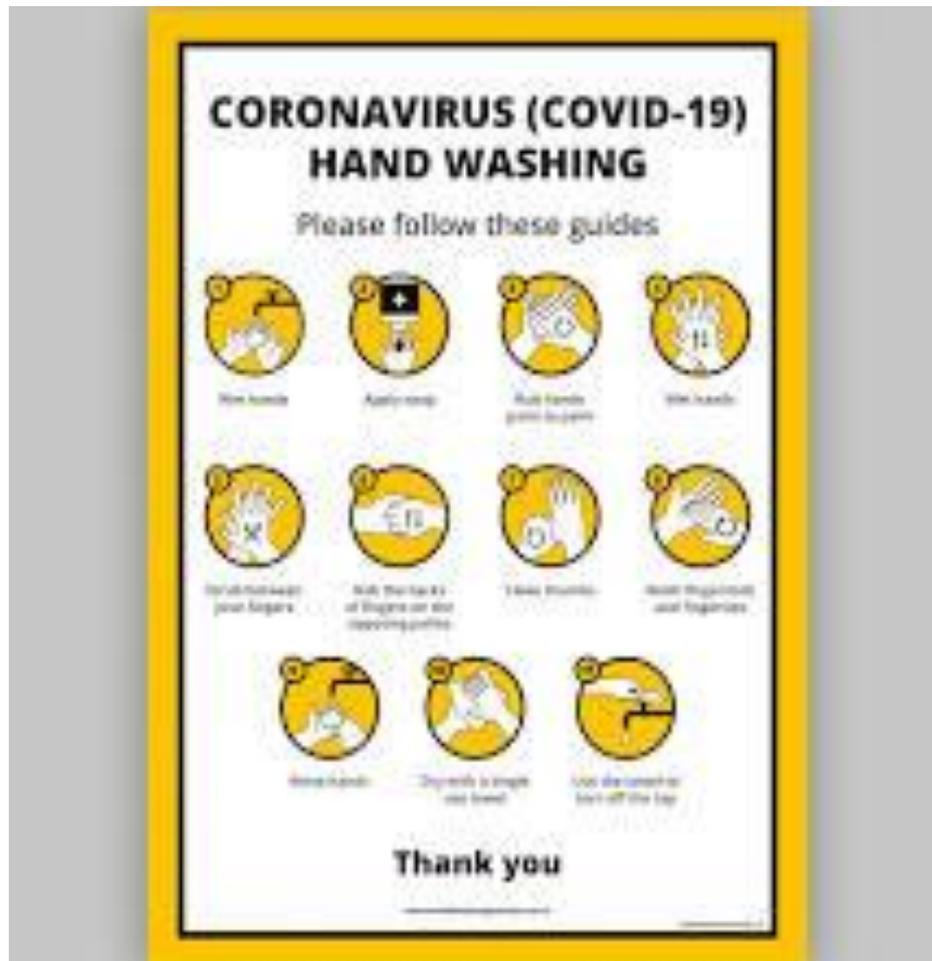
- ☺ Only use the toys and equipment that your teacher has given to you or has told you that you can use.
- ☺ Try to keep a space where you can from adults in your class. We call this 'social distancing'. 
- ☺ We will help you to find ways to play with your friends and have fun - remember though, no hugging 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.
- ☺ The adults in school will check that the toilets are 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....



- ☺ We will give you a healthy snack to eat.
- ☺ Your teacher will organise for you to clean your hands before having snack.
- ☺ You will eat your snack in your own space. After snack everyone will clean their hands again.

Outside activities....

- ☺ We will be doing lots of outdoor activities. Your teacher will be with you.
- ☺ 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.

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:

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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 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 teachers. We will help you with these but we expect everyone to follow them as best they can.



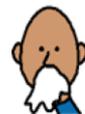
- ☺ There are also some new rules about where to walk in the corridor and hall. There are arrows and shapes to help you. All of the adults in school will help you remember too.

- ☺ Everyone must follow the rules. You will know that there are consequences if you choose to break the rules.
- ☺ 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 an adult 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 school staff will take you out at the end of the day 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 email a message to school or you can ask your teachers when you see them.