



LEARN TOGETHER

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

21st September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Diolch yn fawr iawn to everyone who has completed the online questionnaire.

It is heartening to see the fantastic number of responses which reflect the hard work that staff have put into our recovery curriculum. Our primary focus has been on supporting physical and mental health and well being ensuring nearly all children have settled well, feel happy and safe. As we all know, only then can they begin to learn to the best of their ability and we can start addressing any further support that they may need. There is no quick fix to 'catching up' and we need to be mindful not to put pressure on the children in this way.

In our responses, one or two parents raised individual issues about their own child. We will be organising virtual parents' evenings later this half term. However, if you have any particular issues with your individual child, please contact your child's teacher who will be very happy to help and support. Please do not leave this until parents' evening.

Home time Arrangements

Although we have had many positive responses about home time arrangements, this is an area that needs some further review quickly to alleviate some ongoing issues. Managing home time was one of the most challenging areas that we had to consider initially and we now need to make some tweaks to streamline this, reduce numbers at the back gate and keep a steady flow of parents on the yard.

From Tuesday 22nd September (tomorrow) the following will be put in place:

Class / Group	Time	Where to pick up / Exit
Reception who <u>do not</u> have any brothers / sisters in school	2.50pm (previously 2.55pm)	Top yard
Y1 & 2 who <u>do not</u> have any brothers / sisters in school	2.55pm (previously 3pm)	Top yard
Y3 who <u>do not</u> have any brothers / sisters in school	3.00pm (previously 3.05pm)	Top yard
Y4 who <u>do not</u> have any brothers / sisters in school who are picked up by an adult	3.05pm (previously 3.10pm)	Top yard
Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 who have brothers / sisters in any other year group.	3.10pm	Top yard <u>Please note:</u> This is a change for Y4 children
Y5 & Y6 who <u>do not</u> have any brothers / sisters in school who are picked up by an adult	3.10pm	Top yard <u>unless you email school</u> to let us know that you are still picking up at the back gate
Y5 & Y6 who have brothers / sisters in school who are picked up by an adult	3.10pm	Top yard
Y5 & 6 who walk home unaccompanied	3.10pm	Back gate , children will be escorted down the path to the back gate in a group.

- If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and you have not already emailed to give them permission to walk home unaccompanied and want to. Please email mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk
You do not need to email again if you have already given permission.

- If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and you intend to continue picking up at the back gate, please email school **by 9am in the morning** to let us know and we will arrange for those children to be escorted to the back gate. If we do not receive an email, your child will be brought to the top yard at home time tomorrow.
- Unfortunately we are unable to facilitate requests for some days at the back gate and some days on the yard as staff need to be organised to ensure a smooth, efficient and most importantly safe handover.
- **Please note:** We will not be releasing children on to the main school yard unless an adult is collecting them. We also will not be releasing children on to Barker's Lane whilst parents wait in cars. The yard and Barker's Lane are busy areas, therefore please do not compromise our staff by making this request. Diolch.

We would again ask for your continued support in arriving only a minute or two before pick up time and to leave the yard and Barker's Lane quickly after pick up to keep the areas as clear as possible. Diolch.

If you are bringing a dog with you at drop off / pick up time, please tie your dog up well away from the school gates or wait with your dog away from the gates. Diolch yn fawr.

If you have any questions / queries, please email mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk or both Mrs Richardson and myself will be outside as usual in the morning to help clarify anything.

Once again, diolch yn fawr iawn for your wonderful support. We will provide full feedback from our questionnaire and share other learning plans / events later in the week.

Kind regards



Mrs Edwards