



4th March 2021

Years 3 - 6

Dear Parent / Carer

Yesterday we received a letter from the Minister confirming that Key Stage 2 pupils can return to school from 15th March.

The plans we shared on Tuesday have had to be changed in line with Welsh Government's directive.

All Key Stage 2 pupils will now be welcomed back to school together on **Monday 15th March**.

Check In and Catch Up Appointment

Your child's teacher will offer you the opportunity to book a short virtual appointment with them if you feel that you would like this. This will be a short catch up to see how your child is and will support us with our planning. Your child's teacher will give you more details about this on Seesaw. Dates are below:

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| Dosbarth Brecon (Year 3) | Wednesday 10 th March | 9.30am -3.30pm |
| Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Year 4) | Thursday 11 th March | 9.30am -3.30pm |
| Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa (Year 5) | Wednesday 10 th March | 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Dosbarth Tryfan (Year 6) | Thursday 11 th March | 12.30pm-3.30pm |
| | Wednesday 10 th March | 9.30am -3.30pm |

Updated - Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

The Frequently Asked Questions **at the end of this letter have been updated** to reflect the information that you need.

Risk Assessment

As you will appreciate, we have had to review all of our measures again for wider re-opening. The main messages in our Welsh Government guidance remain mostly unchanged but it just asks schools to be as robust and consistent as possible.

There are some new measures set out by Welsh Government:

- Parents / carers should wear a good quality face covering when coming onto the school premises at all times.
- School staff have been offered twice weekly lateral flow testing to detect asymptomatic cases.
- Where social distancing is not possible in the classrooms, school staff may wear face coverings whilst teaching.

All of this is detailed in our updated risk assessment on the Covid-19 section of the school website: <https://www.barkerslanepri.wrexham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Risk-Assess-V5-Feb-21.pdf>

There will be some further tweaks to this as it is updated again next week to take account of the return of the juniors.

Polling Day – Thursday 6th May

The school has been notified that we will be a polling station on **Thursday 6th May**. Due to the restrictions and changes in access arrangements currently, **we will have to close school on this day**. To mitigate this, school will now be open on Friday 26th March which was originally a staff training day and we will move our staff training day to Thursday 6th May. Club will be running holiday club on 6th May for any parents who will need to book in. **Unfortunately this is something that is out of our control.**

As always, diolch yn fawr for your on-going support, patience, your confidence and trust in us.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on 15th March.

Kind regards,

Chris Edwards

Remaining Term Dates 2020-21 at Barker's Lane

| Event | School Closes/Closed | School Opens |
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| Easter | Friday 26 March* | Monday 12 April |
| May Day | Friday 3 May – school closed | |
| Polling Day | Thursday 6 May – school closed* <i>Staff training day in lieu of 26th March.</i> | |
| Half term | Friday 28 May | Monday 7 June |
| Summer | Wednesday 14 July | |
| <i>Training Days</i> | <i>Thursday 15, Friday 16, Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 July – school closed</i> | |

* Please note change of dates.

Updated - Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

These questions have been updated to reflect the most up to date Welsh Government Guidance.

What are the arrangements for my child in Key Stage 2 coming back to school?

All children in Key Stage 2 will be welcomed back to school on **Monday 15th March**. Arrangements for drop-off and pick up are outlined further in this information.

Where and what time do I drop off /collect my child?

When your child returns to school they will still need to be dropped off and picked up on the main school yard unless they have written permission to walk home unaccompanied.

The entrance gate is at the top corner of the yard and the exit gate near the barrier, these have not changed.

**Parents must leave the premises quickly and not congregate by gates or on Barkers Lane.
Please socially distance at all times.**

| | Drop Off on Main School Yard |
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| One child who usually attends school (Non-siblings) | 8.40-8.45am |
| More than one child who usually attends school (Siblings) | 8.50-8.55am |

| | Pick Up on Main School Yard* |
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| Y3 (no siblings) | 3.00pm |
| Y4 (no siblings) | 3.05pm |
| Y5&6 (no siblings) | 3.10pm |
| Y3-6 (has brothers / sisters who usually attend school) | 3.10pm |
| Y4,5&6 children who have written permission to walk home unaccompanied* | 3.10pm |

*These children will be led to the back gate.

If your child has not walked home from school unaccompanied before but you would like them to start doing this, please email permission to the school office.

Can my child go home with another child, have play dates, sleep overs or parties with children in their own class?

Unfortunately not. Please do not compromise school staff by informing them that your child is being collected by another parent in the class.

If someone from your household is unable to drop off / pick up your child. Please ensure that wherever possible it is only one other adult who does this to keep contacts to a minimum.

The following information is from the Welsh Government ‘*No, out of school restrictions identical to those ‘stay at home’ requirements imposed on the general population, must be applied rigorously. Contact groups ('school bubbles') only apply within the school setting.*’

Will I be able to book Wraparound Care?

It is very important to protect this space that has been afforded to enable plans for children to return to school to happen. Therefore some restricted arrangements will be in place for a short time to reduce any additional mixing between contact groups.

Breakfast Club (8.10am-8.25am) – Numbers are **restricted** and we ask that parents only book this provision if absolutely necessary. All bookings must be made on the SchooMoney app by 5.30pm on Thursday of the week before. If you are having any problems booking a place, please email Mrs Brand on RobinsonC38@hwbcymru.net

Unfortunately, at present Club are unable to run the early morning session but will update parents about this themselves if they are able to re-instate this.

After School Club (3.10pm-5.30pm) – – Numbers are **restricted**. All bookings must be made on the SchooMoney app by 5.30pm on Thursday of the week before. If you are having any problems booking a place, please email Mrs Brand on RobinsonC38@hwbcymru.net

Welsh Government guidance suggests keeping the use of wraparound provision to the minimum that you need as using multiple settings increases the chance of your child needing to isolate as a contact if a positive case is reported. As a school, we do appreciate that for many families, this care is essential though.

What are the lunchtime arrangements?

All children attending school will be able to have a school meal or bring a packed lunch as normal. School meals are £2.40 per day and must be paid for online in advance using the WCBC payment system (not SchoolMoney app). **We can not accept any cash at school.**

The menu is as follows:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week beginning: 8/3/2021 & 22/3/2021 | Sausages & Waffles or Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread Beans / Peas Flapjack | Chicken Curry & Rice with Naan or Quorn Nuggets & Wedges Sweetcorn Cocoa Cookie | Beefburger Bap & Diced Potatoes or BBQ Quorn Pasta Bake & Crusty Bread Peas Cupcake | Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet served in a Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Peas, Carrots & Gravy Krispie Cake | Breaded Salmon or Chicago Town Pizza Chips Peas Frozen Yoghurt |
| Week beginning: 15/3/2021 | Breaded Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes or Quorn Curry & Rice with Naan Beans / Peas Shortbread Biscuit | Pizza or Country Veg Bake Chips Peas / Spaghetti Hoops Muffin Medley | Pulled Pork Bap & Potato Wedges or Tomato & Basil Pasta with Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Ice Cream | Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage served in a Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Farmhouse Mix Veg & Gravy Cornflake Cake | Fish stars or Quorn Nuggets Chips Peas / Beans Mini Doughnuts |

The menu will alternate each week until further notice e.g. Week 1 menu will be in operation on 22/3/2021

After the Easter holiday, the first week back at school goes back to Week 1.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure that items have been prepared to enable your child to open / access everything independently. E.g. If your child needs support, peel fruit and place in container, open packets, etc.

Our staff are available and willing to help, however please bear in mind there are one or two of them with thirty children and they have to wash their hands between handling items in individual lunchboxes, therefore we ask this to prevent some children waiting considerable time for any help.

What can and can't my child bring to school?

Nothing has changed in relation to this.

Please send your child to school with their water bottle, a piece of fruit /vegetables for snack and a lunchbox if they are having a packed lunch. **NO other bags, toys, items from home to be brought in please.**

What should my child wear to school?

Again nothing has changed in relation to this.

Your child should wear their school polo shirt, sweatshirt / cardigan and jogging pants / leggings with suitable outdoor footwear. They can of course wear school trousers if you so wish.

We advise that your child wears layers of clothing which they can independently take on and off as Foundation Phase children always spend lots of time outside whatever the weather and when indoors, at present it is vital that our classrooms are kept well ventilated.

All children require a warm waterproof coat. **Please ensure your child has their name clearly labelled in all of their items of clothing.**

Will my child need their P.E kit?

Not before Easter. If this changes after Easter, we will let you know in plenty of time before the holiday

Will online learning continue to be provided if my child does not return to school?

When and during the phased return for Key Stage 2 pupils begins, a remote learning grid will still be provided when children are not in a group attending school. Once the phase in is complete, remote learning will stop.

Once a date is set for a full return to school and you choose to keep your child home, there will be no remote learning provided on a daily basis. This would be unmanageable for teachers, however your child would have access to all of the previous learning on Seesaw, Active Learn, Bug Club and their home learning grid.

What will happen if I choose not to send my child back to school at this time?

The latest guidance from Welsh Government has changed since before half term around attendance. There is an expectation that as schools open up that all children who are eligible should begin attending again. However we do appreciate that some families will be anxious about this.

Once a date is confirmed, if your child will not be returning to school, please contact Mrs Edwards at school to discuss this to help us understand your reasons. We will then be able to work with families to make a plan for engagement.

At present Welsh Government do not deem it appropriate for Local Authorities to issue fixed penalties for absence unless school had previous concerns.

Will I need to wear a face covering on the yard?

Yes. Welsh Government have stipulated that all parents, unless exempt, should wear a face covering when entering school premises.

How can I contact my child's teacher or speak to the school office?

The best way to contact your child's teacher is to send them a message on Seesaw unless your message is urgent, in which case please email the school office or telephone 01989 357754. The school office can be contacted on mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk