



# Barker's Lane Community School Ysgol Cymuned Lôn Barcas

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September 2021

It is lovely to see how well the children have now settled in their new classes.

Online booking for Parents' Evening will be open Friday 8th October at 8.30am and closes Wednesday 13th October 12pm.

This will be an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about how your child has settled and targets for their learning. However if you have any questions / worries / concerns before this, please do not wait until Parents' Evening, contact your child's teacher for support.

Mrs Edwards

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### Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 28th September to take individual photographs. No family groups / pre-school children this year.

### FREE SUPPORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH LEARNING

North Wales consortia, GwE have funded an online 'Help your child to learn' online course for all families. This usually costs over £100 but is **FREE** to families of children in GwE schools.



The course has been designed by Mike Gershon, a well respected professional who we have been fortunate to listen to on courses. It shares many examples of things that we use in school to support learning, like telling stories, mental maps, focus on language, amongst many others.

The sections can be accessed at your leisure. This really is a worthwhile opportunity.

To access the course, instructions have been attached to the email we have sent. You will also need a coupon code for FREE access which is detailed in the email.

### Covid-19 and Risk Assessment

The school risk assessment has been updated giving due consideration to the WG Local Covid-19 Framework. It can be found on <https://www.barkerslanepprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Risk-Assess-V9-Sept-21.pdf>

As I am sure you are aware, many schools are experiencing a number of cases in children. It is very important that if your child appears or is feeling unwell that they **do not** come school. Siblings may come to school, however please be very vigilant. If anyone is unsure, please contact the school office on 01978 357754.



If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms, **however mild**, please keep them home and book a PCR test.

If your child has been sick **and / or** had diarrhoea, they must stay home from school until 48 hours after the last bout.

Times are difficult for everyone and we really appreciate everything that everyone is doing to keep our communities safe and our children learning.



### Bags and Belongings

Our new pegs for infants and lockers for junior children are not yet complete. We have been working with the builders to identify the best locations for these without losing valuable space for learning.



#### Infant Children

At present we are re-using some of the old fittings from the cloakroom to make temporary pegs. Therefore if there are any **infant children struggling to carry belongings** into school, they may bring a small bag if you feel that this necessary. Please **do not** send a bag in unless it is absolutely needed though.

If your child does require a bag, please ensure that this is **as small as possible** to contain the items that they are carrying e.g. water bottle, snack, change of clothes. Lunch boxes / bags are stored separately so unless you need a bag to put these in because your child is walking / cycling, ideally these should be separate where possible please.

*All of these things might seem small / unnecessary when thinking about one or two children (and they are in that scenario) but they make a huge difference with large groups of children like we have in school, helping them to be independent, come into class quickly, making space for others and settle for the day.*

#### Junior Children

At present junior children are still storing their coats and any lunch box / bag in class. Although this has really helped with reducing congestion when coming into school in the morning, we obviously want to get back to reducing having belongings like this in class as soon as safely and practically possible.



If your child is struggling with their belongings, they may bring a small bag if absolutely necessary if they are not, please do not provide one.

Although with the current issues with deliveries, we can't be certain when our new lockers will arrive, we are hopeful for around the half term time. When we are able to share more information about this and having assessed the best way to manage this, we will talk to the children and share the information with yourselves. If your child does require a bag, please ensure that this is **as small as possible** to contain the items that they are carrying e.g. water bottle, snack, reading book.

To give an idea, the lockers will be similar to those in many changing rooms with the dimensions 40cm high, 30cm wide and 30cm deep.

These are fitted in many schools already. Hopefully this information is helpful, if you are considering purchasing a bag for your child over the coming weeks. Children will need to store their winter coat and bag in the locker (just like they did on their peg prior to last year), therefore may struggle with this if they begin bringing a large, bulky bag to school.

### Do you want to learn Welsh?

Cymraeg yn y Catref (Welsh at Home) are offering online entry level classes which are designed and adapted for parents and families. The courses cost £20 for 45 weeks.

Day	Time	Start	End	Code
Tuesday	13.00-14.30	05/10/2021	13/12/2022	gd-33149
Tuesday	19.30-21.00	05/10/2021	13/12/2022	gd-29579
Thursday	10.00-11.30	07/10/2021	15/12/2022	gd-29583

For more information contact [emma.burton@cambria.ac.uk](mailto:emma.burton@cambria.ac.uk)  
or you can register at [learnwelsh.cymru](http://learnwelsh.cymru)

### Health & Safety—Parking

As you will be aware from the message earlier in the week, a very **small minority** of people are again causing safety issues for children, families and local residents.

**Thank you** to the vast majority of families that we have who park safely, with respect and consideration for others and park just that bit further away from school, walking for those extra few minutes when necessary.

Unfortunately although we know that every school has this small minority of people who choose to park in ways for their own convenience, that does not help. **Please continue to report any issue with number plates to Mr Hill who passes these to the PCSO with requests for additional patrols. Thank you.**

