



BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

September Reopening

I hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable summer break. I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the new term, in light of current government and local authority guidance on the COVID-19 situation. This guidance centres on reducing disruption to children's education and ensuring that face-to-face, high quality education for all pupils is the priority. We will continue to maintain good hygiene, appropriate cleaning regimes, keep the buildings well ventilated and regularly review our risk assessments.

The School Day

We are no longer required to stagger our start and finish times, so will be reverting to our normal school day times next week. Children from Years 1 to 6 will start at 8:55 and finish at 3:30. We will continue our 'soft start' from 8:45 each morning where classrooms will be open and children can enter the building. More detail on school day timings can be found on our [school website](#). Children in Reception will have a shorter school day in September; please refer to previous letters for details of timings. Nursery timings are also available on the website.

Morning Drop Off

We will no longer operate a one-way system for parents when dropping off and picking up. Face coverings will not be required.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1: Parents can enter and exit the school via Eccleston Crescent and Barley Lane Nursery gates to drop children to the school doors. If these families have children in Key Stage 2, they can also use these entrances and cross into the junior playground via the reception footpath.

Key Stage 2: Parents will not be allowed in the junior playground. There will be a staff member on the Huxley Drive and Barley Lane Junior playground gates to welcome Key Stage 2 children into school. Children can also enter the playground via the reception footpath.

Afternoon Pick Up

Parents can enter the school grounds via any of the four external gates and move freely between both playgrounds. Collection points are as follows:

- Reception and Nursery children will be dismissed from their classroom doors
- Year 1 children and Class 2B & 2A will be dismissed from the infant playground
- Years 3-6 and Class 2W & 2S will be dismissed from the junior playground

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

The Department for Education national guidance no longer requires social distancing, the use of face coverings or for children to be kept in separate bubbles. We will not operate a bubble system but will minimise the gathering of pupils in large groups. Assemblies will continue to be online for at least the first half term.

Uniform and PE kit

Please be reminded that our uniform policy no longer permits yellow polo-necks or black trousers to be worn. More details can be found on our [school website](#). Children are expected to wear their PE kit to school on both of their PE days each week.

Belongings

All children will be provided with a stationery wallet including a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. We ask that the children supply their own colouring pencil set that can be added to this for their own use. Personal pencil cases will not be allowed.

Wraparound Care

Our breakfast and after-school club will commence on 3rd September. Further details and booking link can be found [here](#).

Please be assured that we are aware of the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and although restrictions have eased, we are mindful that the pandemic still exists. Children will continue to sanitise and wash hands regularly and we will monitor the number of cases in the community very closely. Please be reminded of the national recommendation to limit close contact with people from other households. We have been provided with clear thresholds for when we should consider tightening restrictions at school and will be working closely with the Local Authority's Public Health team to monitor the situation throughout the month.

Further information on procedures for those experiencing symptoms and being deemed close contacts will be sent to parents and carers next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us once our office reopens on Wednesday 1st September should you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Friday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Henry
Headteacher