



Barlaston First School

Weekly Newsletter

1st March 2021



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

Back to School 8th March

On March 8th, we will be delighted to open our doors again to all of our children, as we welcome everyone back to school.

It will be so lovely to reunite our school family again, and get back to some sort of normal.

Before I explain our reopening procedures, I wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of us all at Barlaston First School for the home learning you have been doing with your children. It must have been incredibly hard trying to fit this in around jobs and family life, but you have done an amazing job, and we wanted to say a big thank you to you all.

I know you will join me in saying a huge thank you also to the teachers, who have worked incredibly hard to provide remote learning, as well as learning in the classrooms and endless other tasks that this lockdown situation has provided. It will be so lovely to get back to normal school days again!

Below you will find all the details of our procedures for reopening, some are very similar to September, others we have tweaked to make improvements. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office for clarity.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be available from 8.00am.

Dormice and Hedgehogs will be located in the nursery

Squirrels and Badgers will be located in Squirrel classroom

Deer and Owls will be located in the Owl classroom

Breakfast club will be accessed through normal classroom doors

Arriving and Parking

Where possible, parents are encouraged to walk their children to school.

Dormice will be encouraged to park in the crescent. **Drop off 8.55-9.05am**

Hedgehogs will be encouraged to park in the crescent. **Drop off 8.45-8.55am**

Squirrels will be encouraged to park on church carpark. **Drop off 8.45-8.55am**

Badgers will be encouraged to park on church carpark. **Drop off 8.45-8.55am**

Deer will be encouraged to park on church carpark. **Drop off 8.55-9.05am**

Owls will be encouraged to park on church carpark. **Drop off 8.55-9.05am**

There will be one-way system for walking up and down the crescent at drop off and pick up times. Please can everyone walk up the crescent, towards school on the left hand side pavement, and walk back down the crescent on the left hand side pavement.

We ask that if you have children in more than one class/ keystone, that you drop the youngest child off first.

Children and Parent Arriving on School Grounds

Dormice will use their path and entrance into the nursery building. 2m markings will be placed along the path for parents to wait and move onto the next one, until they reach the door. Once they have handed their child over they can come back through the small gate and back through the carpark to avoid walking past the other parents.

All classes will enter through their classroom door. 2m markings will be placed along the path then parents will exit on the left hand side as they leave the premises

Facemasks and Social Distancing

Please can we encourage adults to wear facemasks when dropping off and collecting their children, to socially distance using the 2metre spots when waiting to drop / collect their child, and to socially distance from the teacher when leaving their child at the door

In the Classroom

Children will have their own seat and will sit side by side . They will have their own equipment ie pencil, whiteboard pens etc

Worships

These will be carried out in the class by the teachers, or via zoom to deliver worships to the whole school at the same time

Toilets

Each class has been allocated their own toilet

Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

These will be staggered and each class will be allotted a specific play area

Hygiene

We will ensure children and staff regularly wash their hands, that surfaces are cleaned regularly, and that there is good ventilation in the classroom. School will be cleaned thoroughly at night, with a deep clean taking place every weekend.

Home time

Parents will be encouraged to park in the same area as they parked at drop off time

Dormice will be collected between 2.55 and 3.05pm / 3.25 to 3.35pm

Hedgehogs will be dismissed from their gate as normal 3.20-3.30pm

Squirrels will be dismissed from their door 3.25-3.35pm

Badgers will be dismissed from the Badger door 3.25-3.35pm

Deer will be dismissed from their door 3.35-3.45pm

Owls will be dismissed from the Owl door 3.35-3.45pm

After School Club

After School Club will run from the end of school until 5.30pm

Dormice and Hedgehogs will be located in the nursery

Squirrels and Badgers will be located in Squirrel classroom, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Badger classroom, Mondays and Wednesdays

Deer and Owls will be located in the Owl classroom

Lunches

School lunches will be provided as normal by the school kitchen. If your child normally has a packed lunch from home, this will continue.

Uniform

You may well find that your child's uniform and shoes are too small for their return to school. We are aware that there are a limited number of shops open, making the purchase of new uniform difficult. If it helps, from Wednesday onwards second hand uniform will be available free of charge for you to help yourself to. It will be located near to the office. Donations to school fund gratefully received.

If school shoes no longer fit, sensible footwear will be fine until more shops open, and you are able to purchase a new pair.

Toast and Milk Money

We will use the toast and milk list from last term, so if you paid then, you don't need to do anything. Please let the office know if your child would like either toast or milk and you hadn't paid last term.

As you are aware, we are hopefully heading toward the end of lockdown as things are starting to ease, but we still need to ensure, with your help, that we are as careful as we possibly can be.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs Clarey and Team.