

Barrow Hill Primary Academy



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Plans for reopening in September

Dear parent/ carer

I hope this letter finds you well. Following DfE, government, local authority and CLT guidance; I am now in position to share with you our reopening plans for September. As you are aware, plans can change and the reopening plan that I am sharing with you now is subject to change. On Monday and Tuesday next week the staff will be preparing the site for full reopening. We will also be contacting parents of children who are vulnerable and those with Special Educational Needs to offer further support and reassurances for the beginning of the new term. If you have any questions you would like to ask then please use the responses@barrowhill.derbyshire.sch.uk email address or ring the school office Monday/ Tuesday.

Attendance

Every day of learning counts. If your child is going to achieve their very best they need to attend school every day. Attendance will be compulsory from September for all children. Shielding pauses on the 1st August so we expect all of our children and staff to return to school. If your child has underlying health conditions and you are concerned about them returning to school we suggest you contact your health care professional or GP to discuss these concerns. If your child is unwell and are displaying coronavirus symptoms, it is important they remain at home and you inform school. If your child is unable to attend due to other illnesses then please report this absence through the school office by 9:30 am.

Bubbles

Children will form two bubbles in school.

Bubble 1: Children in Chesterfield Class and Sheffield Class

Bubble 2: Children in Manchester Class and London Class

Wherever possible we will avoid these two bubbles mixing. Under DfE guidelines staff are able to work across bubbles in school to ensure our full timetable can be delivered.

Start and end times

To reduce the amount of parents/ carers arriving at school at the same time we have implemented a staggered start and finish time to the school day. Please see the table below for the start and end times for your children. If you have more than one child in school you need to arrive at the earliest time for the beginning of the school day. Older children can enter their classroom early. At the end of the day please collect your oldest child first from the playground. If your youngest child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they will be waiting for you at the top playground door.

	EYFS Chesterfield Class Mrs Casson- Kenyon and Mrs Groves	Y1/2 Sheffield Class Miss Kershaw and Miss Hindle	Y3/4 Manchester Class Mr Hall, Mrs Smitheman and Mrs Davis	Y5/6 London Class Mr Szadura and Miss Ketton
Start Time	08:55	08:50	08:45	08:40
Entrance	Early years playground	Main playground top door	Main playground, through the office gates and down the side of the school	Main playground, classroom doors
End time	15:15	15:10	15:05	15:00
Collection from	Early years playground ** unless there is an older sibling in school in which case collect from the main playground, top door at the earlier time of their sibling	Main playground top door	Main playground, office gates	Main playground, classroom doors

Lateness

It is vital that children are punctual and arrive at their allocated time. There will be nowhere for parents/ carers/ families to wait so please do not arrive early. If you are likely to be late we request that children arrive at school after 9 am to avoid mixing with other parents/ children.

Contact with staff

Unfortunately there will be no opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher either before or after school. Miss Ketton will be available in the morning if you have any significant concerns you need to make school aware of. If you wish to make contact with your child's class teacher then please ring the school office to make a call back appointment or send an email to one of our school email addresses.

Uniform

Our uniform policy will once again apply in September. Children will be expected to wear:

- Grey/ black trousers or skirt
- White t-shirt/ shirt
- Royal blue jumper/ cardigan
- Black shoes/ trainers
- Blue and white gingham dress

Jumpers and cardigans with the school logo can be purchased from ACE Sports in Staveley. We do not have any stock in school and are unable to provide a pop up uniform tent this year.



Children will not require a PE kit in September. Every day, the children will begin the day with a daily mile exercise around the village accompanied by their class teachers. Children require suitable footwear but will not be expected to change clothes. Later in the term we hope to resume our normal PE lessons.

Swimming lessons for year 5 and year 6 are suspended until November at the earliest.

Classroom doors and windows will remain open throughout the day to ensure there is a constant supply of fresh air. This may result classrooms feeling cooler than usual. Please ensure your child has a jumper/ cardigan in school and a suitable rain coat. If the weather is hot we will be unable to assist with sun cream, we recommend sun cream is applied prior to arrival at school if your child is unable to apply cream themselves.

Book Bag, personal items and water bottles

Next year we are having a whole school focus on reading. It is important your child has a suitable book bag to bring a book home. We are able to order book bags with the school logo at a cost of £3 per bag. Please let the office know if this is something you are interested in.

Children will not be required to bring any other equipment into school. Children will not be allowed toys or teddies from home so we appreciate your support by explaining this to your child.

The shared water fountain will be out of use for children. Your child must bring a filled water bottle to school with their name clearly labelled.

School meals

Children who are free school meals will continue to be provided with a packed lunch for the first two days back at school. We are hoping to resume to a hot menu the following week. Children will eat their lunch in their classrooms. If your child has a packed lunch they will need to bring their dinner in a lunch bag with their name clearly labelled. Packed lunch children will also need to bring their own cutlery as this will not be provided by the kitchen (e.g. a spoon for a yoghurt). I hope to share with you the new menu from Caterlink shortly.

Transition

The children will begin in September in their new classes. This is so we can practice the routines from the first day back. We appreciate how difficult this might be for some children, especially those currently in nursery, reception, year 2 and year 4 because they will experience a change in rooms and a new teacher. We will support this transition by moving adults around throughout the day. Children who are currently in reception and who are due to be Year 1 will still access Early Years every afternoon. We know how important that foundation stage curriculum is and we are keen to ensure that our children have the opportunity to develop those foundation skills further. For children who are currently in nursery and due to be reception in September we appreciate how anxious you must be about your child returning to school for full days and for lunch. Mrs Groves and Mrs Casson-Kenyon will ring each family on Tuesday to formulate a plan which will suit your child's needs.

Breakfast

Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer our usual community breakfast in a morning. We know how important it is for children to have a good start to the day and this begins with having a wholesome breakfast. Therefore, we have created a rota which enables each class to receive a breakfast. The options will initially be limited to toast and bagels with a fruit juice. Breakfasts will be eaten in the classroom.

Fareshare

We have been incredibly grateful for the support that Fareshare have provided us with during this crisis. I am sure you will agree that they have been a lifeline for some of our families. We are keen to support you in the autumn term so will continue with our Tuesday Fareshare deliveries in September. We will change how we operate this because more children will be in school so we will only be able to use a small area of the playground. We will send you details of this when we return.

We are continuing to open school every Tuesday during the summer holidays so that you can come and collect Fareshare and Magic Breakfast deliveries. Many thanks to the staff who are volunteering during the holidays to help with this.

Curriculum

We are committed to providing our children with a broad and balanced curriculum. We appreciate that children have missed a substantial time of school this academic year and adjustments will be made to accommodate this. Time will be spent supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. For all children, it will take some time to readjust and settle into their new routines.

Cashless school

From September we are moving towards a cashless system for school dinners and educational visits. Further information will be sent out to parents in September about how to set this up.

Nursery

For those children who are due to start nursery in September, we will begin our phased start week beginning 14th September. This will give our new reception children time to settle into their new routines. Mrs Groves and Mrs Casson-Kenyon will contact nursery parents on Tuesday to arrange your start dates.

DfE Guidance

The DfE has published guidance for parents with details regarding the scientific evidence to support the full reopening of schools, what schools to keep safe and what the process is should there be a further outbreak of coronavirus. The information can be found using the link below.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Finally, may I thank you all for your continued support over the last few months. It has been a very challenging time for us all but I am proud of how we have to come together as a school, and wider community, to support one another.

I wish you all a lovely summer holiday, autumn term is going to be busy. We are all very excited to welcome your children back to school and return to what we do best – teaching!

Kind regards

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