

I am so pleased to see that children are responding so well to our remote homework. We are trying this out for a variety of reasons but mainly to familiarise children and families with some of the routines that we will need to use should we need to close classes if we have a positive case in school. I love reading our family's email comments. Over the next couple of weeks we will also be introducing Bug Club, an online platform with books. Real books are, in my opinion, the best material to use with children to develop a love of reading, however Bug Club will enable children to have immediate access to a wealth of texts. Can I remind everyone that we finish for half term this Thursday 22nd October and return to school, all being well, on Monday 2nd November. Jayne Kennedy

### Introducing Bug Club



We are introducing Bug club to children over the next few weeks, this is an on-line library of books. The Bug club world includes an engaging online reading world to capture the children's imagination and support all the crucial components of becoming a lifelong reader.

We will be setting the children up with Bug Club accounts, as we have with their Times Tables Rockstar/Numbots accounts and the children will then be able to log into their accounts from home. We are hoping that the children will be able to use the same log-in for each account to make it easier for them.



They will have a selection of online reading books available which will be just below their school assessed guided reading level. This means that they should be able to read and enjoy them independently.

Following each text there will be an interactive comprehension exercise to help to discover each child's level of understanding of what is happening in their book.

Other features include an opportunity to listen to the text aloud like an audible book.

Teachers will direct to the Bug club for part of the children's homework.

### URGENT REMINDER



**If any member of your household (people living in your house) have Covid-19 symptoms and have been advised to take a test then the whole household, including any children in the household, MUST self-isolate for 14 days.**

### Masks in School



Masks must be worn by all parents and visitors entering the school building. Anyone without a mask will not be allowed into school ensure the safety of staff and children.



### Academy Council Elections

Please can we remind any parents /guardians, of current Barlow Hall children, interested in becoming a member of School's Academy Council please telephone or email school to make an appointment for an informal chat with Ms Kennedy. The closing date for applications is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. [For more information please click the link here](#)

### Term Dates



#### 2020

**Thurs 22<sup>d</sup> Oct - Break up for half-term**  
Fri 23<sup>th</sup> Oct– School closed INSET DAY  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Return to school  
Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Break up – Christmas 2 pm

#### 2021

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan- Return to school  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break-up for half-term  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Return to school  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April -Break up Easter 2pm  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April Return to school  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May School closed – May Day  
May Day Bank Holiday  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> May School closed- Polling Day  
Fri 7 May – School Closed INSET DAY  
Fri 28 May Break-up for half term  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July Break-up

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
...my child has COVID-19 (Coronavirus Symptoms*)	Child shouldn't attend school. Child Should get a test. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for a test. Inform school immediately about test results.	...when child's test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	Child shouldn't attend school. Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms). Inform school immediately about test results. Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 days	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48hours.  They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Symptoms*	Child shouldn't attend school. Household member with symptoms should get a test. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result. Inform school immediately about test result.	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	Child shouldn't attend school. Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 day.	when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days.
...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	Child shouldn't attend school. Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days. Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too.	then he child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days.
...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. Provide information to school as per attendance policy. <b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b> Child shouldn't attend school. Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days.	when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days.
...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	Child shouldn't attend school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team. Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.	when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.

## High School Applications



Please can we remind parents that all applications for a high school place for year 6 children must be received by Manchester City council by 5 pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Applications not received by this time will not be considered for a place until the second wave of offers and so you may miss out on a place for your child at their preferred school as demand for places in south Manchester schools is very high.

### Cashless payments



Please contact the office at [admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk) if you would like a log in for SIMS Pay to allow you to make online purchases for uniform, milk etc and payments for dinner money, After School Club etc.



### 48 hour rule



If your child suffers from diarrhea or vomiting they must not come into school for 48 hours after their last episode.

### Dropping off and collecting children



Please could we just ask all parents ensure that they park up safely and don't park in front of our neighbours' drive.