

Our children continue to be settled in school and applying themselves well to their learning. Our logistical changes seem to be working, thanks to our families for your continuing support during this difficult time. Following our confirmed community cases (not children or staff) could I remind families that should **anyone** in the household have Covid symptoms, **everyone** in the household must self-isolate for 14 days or until there is a negative test. Should there be a confirmed case in the community, as there has been this week, all direct contacts must also isolate for 14 days. This is the definition of direct contact:

Direct contact:

Face to face contact with a confirmed case for any length of time, within 1m, including:

- being coughed on,
- a face to face conversation,
- unprotected physical contact (skin to skin) or
- travel in a small vehicle.
- This also includes any exposure within 1 metre for 1 minute or more.

I am raising this with you as I am aware that some families are telling us that they are not social distancing as they are in the same support bubble. Others are having children playing in different households and staying overnight and other parents are collecting other children from school. All these activities are likely to be direct contact and in the case of a symptomatic parent or confirmed case, children from other families will also have to self-isolate for 14 days. This week we have 8 children off school for a period of 14 days due to households mixing. **Can I remind all families that the government rules are that in a Covid 19 childcare Bubble arrangement, it clearly states only one person can be in your informal childcare bubble.**

Clean Air Day on Thursday 8th October.



We will be taking part in Clean Air Day on Thursday 8th October. Clean Air Day is a day of action to talk about air pollution, find out what we can do to protect our children's health and start to take some of the simple air pollution busting steps that can help clean up our air. During the COVID-19 lockdown we experienced cleaner air and saw massive shifts in low pollution behaviours. If we all play our part to keep up the momentum, we could have clean air and healthier futures.

We will be playing our part in school by engaging in lessons and raising awareness on air pollution. We would love your help by walking, cycling or scootering your children to school on the day. We all have a part to play in keeping our air clean – together let's make Thursday 8th October the cleanest Clean Air Day yet!

Times Tables Rock Stars and



All children from year 2 to year 6 have the fantastic opportunity to improve their fluency in maths and their timestable skills by using the easily accessible Times Tables Rockstars App. All of the children have been given a

log-in by their class teachers and use the app in school to improve their skills and challenge friends and teachers! The App is downloadable from both the google playstore and the apple store and can be played on all devices as well as smart TVs.

Numbots



Our younger children don't miss out on improving their maths skills whilst having fun. Numbots is an app specially designed for younger children to enjoy as they learn. Children in Nursery, Reception and year 1 have all been given passwords to log on from home

and, as with Times Table Rockstars, the app is easy to access and download and

Reminders



School Meals



Parents wishing to change their children on to school meals now the colder weather is upon us, can do so by completing a change of lunch form. Meals cost £11.50 for Nursery, Y3,4,5 and 6 and are free under the Universal Infant Free school Meal Scheme for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.

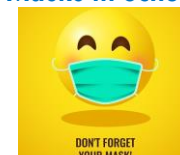


Collecting your child



If you are collecting more than one child from school please remember to collect them in order of year group to maintain safety protocols. Nursery children should be collected first at 2:55 pm then Reception children followed by KS1 who finish at 3 pm. LKS 2 children finish at 3:10 pm and would be next to be collected and Year 5+6 parents can collect their child at the end of the path at 3:10-3:15 pm. Please ensure that you are on time to meet your child.

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.

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



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. Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: 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.

Term Dates

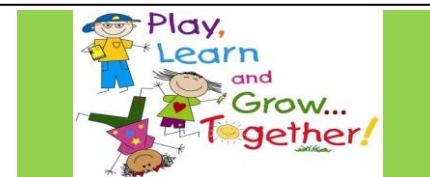


2020

Thurs 23rd Oct - Break up for half-term
 Fri 24th Oct– School closed INSET DAY
 Monday 2nd Nov - Return to school
 Friday Dec 18th - Break up – Christmas 2 pm

2021

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



Barlow Bears 2-3 year old provision

We currently have one space available in our Barlow Bears 2 year old provision. If you have a child born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018 and would like them to attend our Barlow Bears 2 year old provision from 9 am to 12 pm please contact the school office on 0161 881 2158 or email admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk to put their name on our waiting list. Parents entitled to certain benefits will be able to have a free 15 hours Nursery place. Those not those not entitled to a free place can still apply for a place at a cost of £75 per week. [Check out Childcare Choices to find out more](#)