

New to Nursery

September 2021



Barlows Primary School



"To Give of our Best"

Welcome



Welcome to Barlows Primary School and we are delighted your child will be starting nursery with us in September.

Although we cannot hold our usual welcome meeting, we wanted to ensure you had all the information we would usually share.

Please take time to read through these slides and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Key Members of Staff



Barlows Senior Leaders



Mr David Robinson
is the Headteacher



Miss Stacey Feenan
is the Deputy
Headteacher



Miss Clare Bakstad is
the Assistant
Headteacher/SENCO

Key Members of Staff

EYFS and Nursery Staff 2021-2022



Mrs Cunliffe is the Nursery teacher



Mrs Libby Sullivan is a Nursery Class Learning Support Assistant



Mrs Angela Ockleshaw is a Learning Support Assistant



Miss Lorna Robinson is a Learning Support Assistant



Miss Suzanne Evans is the EYFS Phase Manager

Transition



Usually we would be ready and eager to welcome the children in for transition visits during this summer term. However, due to Covid-19 we are unable to host these sessions.

We have been talking closely with the staff in Fazakerley Children's Centre to help us get to know the children.

If your child will be new to the Barlows site we will be getting in touch with you via phone for you to share any key and relevant information with us about your child.

As a school we continue to follow advice from the Local Authority and Government.

Transition



We have provisionally scheduled in some Open Day sessions for your child to attend the nursery with one adult from home before their start date. We hope this will enable your child to visit the nursery setting with you and give you an opportunity to see the setting and talk with the Nursery staff.

Information about your Open day session will be sent out to you individually. These sessions will be for 1 hour, on Thursday 2nd September or Friday 3rd September 2021.

These sessions are provisional and will only go ahead if the Local Authority guidelines allow it.

Staggered Entry



All the Nursery children have been given a start date in September 2021.

The nursery class grows by 3 or 4 children each day to ensure not every child is starting on the same day and this allows staff to spend time with those children who may need some additional support on their first day.

Your child's start day was on your letter, if you need clarification of this date, please check with the school office.

Applying for a School Place



Please be reminded that a place in the school nursery does not guarantee your child a place in the Reception class.

Reception school places are allocated by the Local Authority and everyone must apply for a school place with them.

Applications for a Reception place in September 2022 usually open in September 2021 and close in January 2022 – You can find more information on the Liverpool City Council website.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

School Uniform



- White Polo shirt (logo optional)
- Navy blue cardigan/jumper (logo optional)
- Navy blue jogging bottoms (logo optional)
- Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainer with fastenings your child can do independently, i.e. Velcro not laces



School Uniform



PE Kit

- Navy blue Barlows school jumper or cardigan
- Plain white T-shirt (school logo t-shirts are available should you wish to opt for this)
- Plain navy blue jogging bottoms and/or navy blue shorts
- Trainers suitable for sports activities with appropriate fastenings your child can do independently



At the start of each term you will be informed of your child's PE day and children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on this day.

All clothes should be plain and free from large brand logos to avoid brand competition and peer pressure amongst children.

Barlows School Uniform and PE kits can be bought locally from:

LiverPrint, 26 St Chad's Drive, Kirkby, Liverpool, L32 8RH

Kids Kirkby, 29 St. Chads Parade, Kirkby, L32 8UG

School Connections, 61 County Road, Walton, L4 3QD

www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/find?name=Barlows+Primary+School

Alternatively, local supermarkets often stock suitable items.

Morning Nursery Session

Session Times could be amended in Autumn term to follow Government guidelines in relation to the Covid -19 response.
Timings in September 8.30am – 11.30am



08.40am – Gate opens for children and parents/carers to come into the Nursery playground

08.45am – Doors open for children to come into Nursery.

09.00am – Doors closed and gate closed for the session to begin.

Any children arriving late after this time will need to access school through the front entrance.

09.00am - Session 1 Adult led/child initiated learning

10.00am - Snack time

10.30am - Session 2 Adult led/child initiated learning

11.30am – Story time/Circle time

11.35am – Gates opened for parents/carers

11.45am – Session ends –Nursery children are handed over one at a time at the nursery door.

Morning Drop off and Collection



To develop and foster a sense of independence, the children are encouraged to say goodbye to their care giver in the nursery playground and to enter school on their own. There will be teaching assistants on the door to support the children and for you to leave any messages with.

At the end of the morning session we ask all parents and carers to wait for a member of staff to open the main school gate and allow you on site. The green Nursery gate will be opened 5 minutes before the end of the session to allow parents/carers onto the Nursery Playground. Once the Nursery door is opened the staff will hand over the children one at a time. We will ask you to provide us with a list of 3 main collectors for your child's safety. Please be patient with us to begin with as the staff learn all the new faces. If someone not on your main collectors list is coming for your child, please inform the school office.



Afternoon Nursery Session

Session Times could be amended in Autumn term to follow Government guidelines in relation to the Covid -19 response.

Timings in September 12.15pm – 3.15pm



12.40pm – Main gate opens for children and parents/carers to enter the school site. Green Nursery gate opens for children to enter Nursery Playground

12.45pm – Doors open for children to come into Nursery.

12.50pm – Doors closed and gate closed for the session to begin.

Any children arriving late after this time will need to access school through the front entrance.

12.50pm - Session 1 Adult led/child initiated learning

2.00pm - Snack time

2.30pm - Session 2 Adult led/child initiated learning

3.15pm – Story time/Circle time

3.35pm – Gates opened for parents/carers

3.45pm – Session ends –Nursery children are handed over one at a time at the nursery door.

Afternoon Drop off and Collection



In the afternoon there will be children from other year groups using the playgrounds so we ask that parents and carers wait for a member of staff to open the gates to allow them onto the school site.

To develop and foster a sense of independence, the children are encouraged to say goodbye to their care giver in the nursery playground and to enter school on their own. There will be teaching assistants on the door to support the children and for you to leave any messages with.

At the end of the afternoon session we ask all parents and carers to wait for a member of staff to open the green nursery gate. Once the Nursery door is opened the staff will hand over the children one at a time. We will ask you to provide us with a list of 3 main collectors for your child's safety. Please be patient with us to begin with as the staff learn all the new faces. If someone not on your main collectors list is coming for your child, please inform the school office.



Snack



Snack time –

Fresh fruit/vegetables and milk are available during the session for Nursery children. This is free of charge.

Children often take part in cooking and baking activities that involve making their own snack. This could also include bread, porridge, sandwiches, toast or crackers.



Medical



- If your child has a medical need that you feel you need to discuss in more detail you are welcome to make an appointment with our Welfare Assistant- Jan Gardner and if a Care Plan is required then this can be drawn up with her.
- You can make an appointment to speak with Mrs Gardner via the school office.



What to bring on your first day



On your child's first day please ensure they bring:

- Waterproof coat (named)
- Water bottle (named)
- Spare clothes (i.e. pants if needed, in a small bag or rucksack – school book bags are not needed in Nursery.)
- Please ensure all your child's school uniform is named – especially the cardigan or jumper.



A week in Nursery



These are some of the activities your children will be involved in either daily or weekly:

- Communication/Language and Phonics sessions
- Shared reading and modelled writing sessions
- Maths sessions
- Indoor and outdoor continuous provision sessions
- PE sessions
- Daily circle times and story times to develop vocabulary
- Activities relating to topic based learning

Teaching and Learning in the Early Years



The following slides cover the areas of learning that make up the EYFS curriculum.

The EYFS Curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.

There are 7 areas of learning and each has it's own set of **Early Learning Goals** which determine what most children are expected to achieve by the ***end*** of the Reception Year.

Teaching and Learning in the Early Years



Prime Areas of Learning:

Communication and Language



Physical Development



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Teaching and Learning in the Early Years



Specific Areas of Learning:

Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World



Expressive Art and Design

Teaching and Learning in the Early Years



Children in Early Years are encouraged to become effective learners:

Characteristics of Effective Learning:

Active Learning

Playing and Exploring

Creating and Thinking Critically



Preparing for school

What can I do to help my child prepare?

- Support your child to be both toilet trained and use the toilet independently where possible.
- Encourage independent hand washing.
- To be able to put on and take off their own coat.
- To be able to use a knife and fork.
- To be able to share with others and take turns.
- To be able to develop organisational and independence skills for the school day i.e. Carrying their own bag, opening their bag and put things in independently.

Preparing for school



- Encourage your child to recognise their own name.
- Encourage your child to recognise their own belongings i.e. coat, bag, water bottle – please ensure everything is clearly labelled with their name.
- Share books together, help your child develop a love of books and stories.
- Sing Nursery Rhymes together including number rhymes.
- Play counting games.
- Develop fine motor skills by threading, using dough, small tweezers, ripping and rolling up paper or any other activities to get little fingers moving.

Fazakerley Children's Centre at Barlows Primary School



Fazakerley Children's Centre can offer support over the Summer Holidays.

They are able to support families with a variety of issues including:

Financial support, family concerns, toileting, Speech and Language delay or if you have concerns your child has any additional needs.

They have a facebook page with a range of information or you can get in touch via phone on 0151 233 3705

Home School Partnership



What we offer both you and your child?

- We will provide you with a weekly home liaison sheet to let you know what activities the children have been doing in class and offer ideas for what you can do at home to support their learning further.
- We will provide books and resources to support you to help your child develop a love of reading.
- You could join the PTA
- You could offer to volunteer to support us on school trips.
- We will offer Stay and Play sessions where you can come and learn in school with your child.

(When Covid Guidelines allow)

Home School Partnership



What we offer both you and your child?

- A Newsletter will be shared once a fortnight with information and pictures of events across the school.
- We will provide you with our Curriculum Overviews each term, these can be found on the website.
- We will host two parents evenings (Autumn and Spring term) and then send you a written report in the Summer term.
- You will be invited to watch performances and sports day events. (When Covid Guidelines allow)
- Our Website will hold all the information you need.
- We are committed to understanding and supporting pupils individual needs, you can ask for additional advice and support from our team.

Communications



- You will received a request from us to fill in a form with important information. Please ensure you have completed this at your earliest convenience. This is information we need in preparation for the new school year.
- You will also be sent an invite to set up a Parent Mail account. This is how the school will send you relevant communications, such as newsletters; how you can make bookings for extended provisions, and payments for school trips. Please set up an account at your earliest convenience.



Thank you



Thank you for taking the time to read through these slides.

We will be in touch with you with information about your Open Day session and with information regarding the forms we need you to complete.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions

- School Office number : 0151 525 2751
- School EYFS email: EYFSadmissions@Barlows.Liverpool.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child when we can.