

New to Reception

September 2021



Barlows Primary School



"To Give of our Best"

Welcome



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

Although we cannot hold our usual Parents 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

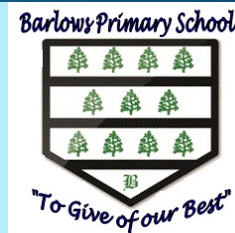


Miss Stacey Feenan
is the Deputy
Headteacher



Miss Clare Bakstad is
the Assistant
Headteacher/SENCO

Key Members of Staff



Reception Staff 2021-2022



Miss Suzanne Evans is the EYFS Phase Leader and Reception Class Teacher.



Miss Jenny Smith is a Reception Class Teacher



Mrs Pauline Bird is a Reception Class Learning Support Assistant



Mr Jamie Rogers is a Reception Class Learning Support Assistant

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 as usual this year.

Although we haven't been able to visit we have had conversations with your child's current setting to ensure we have the relevant information to aid us with their transition.

Transition



We have provisionally scheduled some Open day sessions in September for your child to attend Barlows with one adult from home before their start date. We hope this will enable your child to visit the classroom with you and give you an opportunity to see your child's class and talk with the staff.

Information about your Open day session will be sent out to you individually. These sessions will be on Thursday 2nd September or Friday 3rd September 2021. The visits will be staggered at 1 hour intervals to keep the number of adults limited.

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

Staggered Entry



We will send out a letter with clear instructions for our staggered entry week in September.

- Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September 2021 will be half day sessions to keep the number of children down to 15 in each group.
- Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th September 2021 will be all children in the morning session, staying for lunch and leaving at 1.30pm.
- Full day sessions from Friday 10th September and onwards.

School Uniform



- White Polo shirt (logo optional)
 - Navy blue cardigan or jumper
 - Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
 - Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
 - Plain black school shoes with fastenings your child can do independently
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- Blue Barlows Book bag with school logo.
As space is limited in the cloakrooms, we kindly ask that children use the book bag required opposed to wide, bulky rucksacks.



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.

The School Day

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

Timings in September could be as this year 9.30am – 4.00pm



08.45am – Doors open for children to come into school and organise their belonging

09.00am – Doors close for the register to be taken and the day to begin.

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

09.00am - Morning session 1 Adult led/child initiated learning

10.30am - Snack time

10.45am - Morning Session 2 Adult led/child initiated learning

11.45am - Lunch time

1.00pm - Afternoon session 1 Adult led/child initiated learning

3.00pm - Story time

3.20pm- 3.30pm - Reception Children are dismissed one at a time from the reception door.

Drop off and Collection



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

At home time we ask all parents and carers to wait around the outside of the semi circle behind the fence so we can hand over the children one at a time. We have asked 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. (If the Covid restrictions are still in place, parents will be asked to line up on the playground to aid social distancing and the teachers will dismiss the children to you there.)



Snack and Lunch time



Snack time -

Fresh fruit/vegetables and milk are available during the morning session for Reception children.

The school office will request payment for milk when your child turns 5 years of age. They will inform you by letter just before your child's birthday. The cost of milk is £1 per week.

Lunch time-

Children will eat their lunch in our main hall supervised by members of staff.

School meals are freshly prepared on the premises (see sample menus on the school website).

The Government funds free school meals for all Infant children under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Children who do not wish to take up the Universal Free School Lunch may bring a packed lunch. Packed Lunches should be brought to school in a suitable, named packed lunch box.



Eligibility for Free School Meals

- If you are eligible for any of the following benefits please apply for Free school meals when your child starts school. This enables the school to access additional funding for your child to support their learning throughout their school journey. See details of how to apply at <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Qualifying benefits

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals.

- Universal Credit – your household earned annual income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – with no Working Tax Credit and your annual household income is no more than £16,190 , as assessed by the Inland Revenue



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:

- A book bag (named)
- Waterproof coat (named)
- Water bottle (named)
- Spare clothes (i.e. pants if needed, in the book bag)

Please ensure all your child's school uniform is named
– especially the cardigan or sweatshirt.

A week in Reception

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

- Daily Phonics sessions
- Guided Reading and Guided Writing sessions
- Daily 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

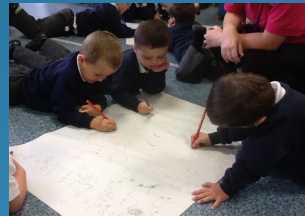


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Specific Areas of Learning:

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



Teaching of Reading



- Teaching your child to read is one of the main aims of the Reception curriculum as it supports all subsequent learning.
- We must work in partnership to support your child to develop the skills of a reader. Practise is vital and children must read at home daily to use the skills they are learning in school.
- Children are taught phonics daily following the systematic Letters and Sounds programme.
- Children will bring home reading books that gets changed once a week after a Guided Reading session and a tin containing High Frequency Words. We encourage you to practise these words in isolation as well as looking for them in your child's books. Children will bring more words home once they can read the words on sight in any random order.



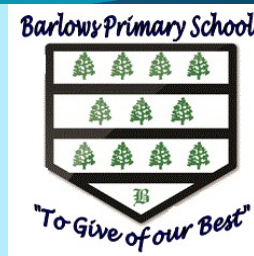
Children are made readers on the lap of their parents.

Emilie Buchwald



Breakfast Club and After School Club

We can not confirm what extended provision will be available until we know what the Government guidelines, in relation to Covid -19, will be for September 2021.



- The School operates a successful extended provision; we are open from 7:45am-5:50pm each day during term time.
- The Breakfast/Morning Club sessions operates from **7:45am to 8:50am** each morning at the cost of **£2.00 per session from Morning Club or £3.00 if your child requires Breakfast Club.**
- The After School Club operates from **3:30pm-5:50pm** each evening at the cost of **£7.00 per session.**
- Mrs Jan Gardner organises the Extended Provision Sessions, supported by other members of School Staff.
- **Sessions are to be booked in advance via Parent Mail.**

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- If Covid restrictions do remain the school can only provide a limited service due to staffing and the expectation for children to remain in bubbles.
- Morning club will be from 8am in the school hall. (No breakfast club option available)
- No After School Club provision.
- Mrs Jan Gardner organises the Extended Provision Sessions, supported by other members of School Staff.
- **Sessions are to be booked in advance via Parent Mail.**

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.

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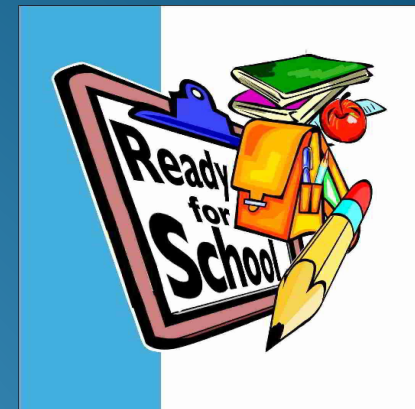


- Encourage your child to recognise and if possible write their own name.
- Encourage your child to recognise their own belongings i.e. coat, book bag, water bottle – please ensure everything is clearly labelled with their name.
- Share books together, help your child develop a love of books and stories.
- 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.

Preparing for school



Transition meeting lead by
Miss Jennifer Smith –
Reception teacher, EYFS Cross Site Lead.



Thursday 1st July @ 4.30pm

Miss Smith will be leading a transition meeting via zoom to give you further ideas of the ways you can support your child with their transition to school.

The meeting codes will be sent out to you via Parents Mail or your email.

Home School Partnership



What we offer both you and your child?

(When Covid restrictions allow)

- We will offer Stay and Play sessions where you can come and learn in school with 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.
- The school Library is open before school each morning for you to borrow books to read at home.
- You could join the PTA
- You could offer to volunteer to support us on school trips.
- We can offer you Breakfast and After School Club Provision
- We will provide reading books and resources to support you to help your child to read.

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What we offer both you and your child?

(When Covid restrictions allow)

- 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.
- We will host a Fun Day for the community.
- 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 contact and consent information. Please ensure you have completed this at your earliest convenience.
- If you are new to Barlows in September you will 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 about any amendments to our plans for September as soon as we have the relevant updated information from the Local Authority.

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.