



Welcome Back Autumn Term 2021

It has been wonderful to welcome our school community back following the summer break. The children have made a fantastic start, they were eager to be back in school last week and have shown positivity and enthusiasm on their return. There was a general buzz of excitement in the classrooms I visited last week, which was great to see. We have also welcomed our Reception new starters, who have made a wonderful start to school and settled in to their new classroom routines quickly. If you are a parent new to our school, we extend a warm welcome to the community at Barlby Bridge.

A really positive aspect of our return has been the opportunity to move back to many of our old school routines, before the restrictions of the pandemic, and this has meant that the children have been mixing more as a school community again and also taking part in assemblies and celebrations, an aspect of school life we have not been able to enjoy for nearly two years now. It has been wonderful to have the children back together again. At present, we are taking a cautious approach, and whilst children now have the opportunity to meet certain classes in school, this has been restricted to phase groups for now in assemblies, dinner times and outside.

COVID-19

As you know, the national picture changes quickly, and there is a contingency plan in place should COVID-19 rates rise again among pupils and staff. If additional restrictions are needed to manage transmissions in school, we will contact parents via text message initially with a follow up emailing detailing the additional restrictions that will be required. Our contingency plan outlines measures that may be used in this eventuality, including adults wearing face coverings, use of staggered entry and exit times and reinstatement of class bubbles. The school will be guided by public health advice in these instances.

It is no longer necessary for children under the age of 18 to self-isolate if a member of the household shows symptoms of, or tests positive for COVID-19. In these instances, children can continue to come to school if they themselves do not have any symptoms of the virus. In the same regard, adults who are double vaccinated no longer need to isolate if they are in the same household as a positive case.

The reporting of pupils symptoms of COVID-19 remains the same. If children show any of the following symptoms:

- ❖ A new continuous cough;
- ❖ A loss of, or change in their sense of taste or smell or;
- ❖ A high temperature (meaning hot to touch on chest or back);

A PCR test should be booked as soon as possible and the child must isolate and stay at home until a negative result confirms they can return to school. If children test positive for the virus, they must stay at home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms, or 10 days from the positive test results if there were no symptoms. Please contact the school office to report pupil symptoms and test results.

If children display any of the three main symptoms listed above, in line with the North Yorkshire risk assessment the child will be required to isolate in a separate room in school until a parent or guardian can collect them.

I hope all of this information is clear, and I look forward to working with you all over the next few weeks in term. Please do catch me outside before school if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs C Hughes





School Uniform

The children all looked very smart on their return to school last week; thank you for observing our uniform policy. Please remember that children should wear grey trousers / shorts, skirt or pinafore for school. Skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee. Checked red dresses can be worn in warmer weather. School shoes should be plain black only. Trainers may only be worn if they are plain black without any logos or writing. In observing our uniform policy, we ask that children do not have extreme haircuts or colours for school. Nail polish and makeup should not be worn. Children can wear a watch for school and if they have pierced ears, stud earrings are permitted. Please remember to remove these for PE. Children are provided with a coloured school house t- shirt for PE and will need a pair of black shorts, PE pumps and black jogging bottoms for winter weather. Children can also bring trainers for outside games. Please remember to clearly label all items of clothing, bags and drinks bottles sent into school. We operate a strict uniform code and a reminder letter will be sent home if your child does not have the correct dress for school.

Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th September	Reception class welcome assembly for parents at 9am: To be confirmed
Tuesday 19th October	Whole school pantomime for children in Reception KS1 & KS2
Wednesday 20th October	Parents' evening
Thursday 21st October	Parents' evening
Friday 22nd October	School closes for half term
Monday 1st November	School opens
Monday 1st November	Children's individual and family photographs
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 4th January	Staff training day
Wednesday 5th January	School opens

Parking

Unfortunately , we do not have parking facilities for parents in school and due to school being on a residential street we ask that parents do not bring cars into Thomas Street at drop off or collection times as this presents a danger to children. Instead, cars can be parked at the Olympia hotel carpark.

School Office

Our Office has undergone a few changes over Summer and we just wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents of some of our processes. We welcome Ms Amy Scholes as our School Business Manager.

Booking places for Breakfast Club / After School Club

Our Breakfast club is available each day at 8am at a cost of £3 per day, and After School Club each day is available at either £5 per day up to 4:30pm or £8 per day up to 5:30pm.

If you wish to use this facility on a regular / long-term basis, please ensure that you have filled in a booking form and handed it into the Office. For any one-off bookings or changes, please ensure that all email enquiries are sent to Mrs Kerr by using ekerr@barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk instead of the admin email address.

Please note that we need 24 hours to process these and respectfully request that any bookings made with short notice, come in to Mrs Kerr by midday. If unavoidable requests have to come in in the afternoon, these need to be by telephone.

If you are using the service for the first time, we need you to complete an agreement regarding the service and payment. **Places booked on Clubs which are then not attended, will have to be charged.**

Reporting child absence

Please ensure that any absences from school are reported by selecting **Option 1** so that we can safely and accurately record the attendance of each child in our school.

Checking all the information that we have for your child

On Friday, we sent out a printed information sheet and asked that these be checked, any changes made, signed and returned to School today, Monday 13 September. If you have not already sent this back to us, please can you complete and return it to your child's Class Teacher tomorrow. Even if no information has changed.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please consider joining our Governing board. We have a current vacancy for a Parent Governor and will be running this until Friday 24th September. If you are a parent new to the school or an existing parent, this is an excellent opportunity to find out more about our school and play a significant role in the wider decision making. Interested candidates should be nominated by another parent and submit a short statement detailing your interest in the role and skills you would bring.

The role of a governor is varied and the governing body as a whole is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

The board meet five times each year and meetings take place after school. As part of the governor role, there will also be the opportunity to come in during the day to see the work of the school in action.

All of the information about the position including the nomination forms can be found at <https://barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/parent-governor-vacancy/>

Completed forms should be returned to the admin email via admin@barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk. If you would like further information about this role please speak to Mrs Hughes or one of our existing parent governors, Mrs J Sabin or Mrs K Spink.

