

Barnes Farm Junior School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your family have all had a safe and enjoyable summer break from school wherever it was spent - the hot weather we experienced at the end of term has certainly lasted for a while longer through the holidays! Thank you to all those families who sent postcards to their new teachers detailing places they had visited.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Wednesday 5th September 2018** for what the staff, governors and I hope will be our most successful year ever - doors open at 8:45am. A number of parents have requested a reminder about school uniform requirements so please find attached our expectations for the new term.

Improved on-site security at BFJS

As detailed in our July newsletter, the security fencing at the front of the school has been successfully upgraded in order to better protect our pupils and site. As a result, the access arrangements are slightly different from now on but have been designed to strike the right balance between safeguarding those onsite whilst continuing to ensure ease of access at busy times. The information below will be important for you to note ahead of the first day back at school so that you know what to expect. Please pass this information on to other family members or childminders who may not be on our mailing list.

- Entry onto the Junior school site should be via the main entrance
- The Hill playground gate (on the footpath linking Henniker Gate) will no longer be in service and will be for emergency use only
- Parents/children (and visitors) arriving onto the school site from **8:55am** onwards will need to buzz for authorised entry
- Authorised entry onto the school site for end of the day pick-up will be from **3:10pm - 3:25pm** - please exit the site promptly once you've picked up your child
- Access onto the school site will then be restricted from 3:25pm once our clubs begin until 4:10pm to enable end of club pick-ups

Parking around school

I would also like to emphasise the opportunity that a new term presents to improve the traffic congestion (particularly at the end of the day) around school. The attached 'Park and Stride' leaflet contains information about how to take advantage of parking at Asda and walking the short route through to school. A huge thank you must also go to those parents who have already made 'the switch' and contributed to improving the safety of our pupils.

Morning Top Tips (if you need to drive)



- Take advantage of our 10 minute 'window' from 08:45-08:55 and drop your child off in the turning circle outside our main entrance. The front gate is always staffed to ensure your child gets into school safely.
- Park and Stride from Asda
- Pupils are rewarded on 3PR days with a token - park outside the 3PR zone so that the area immediately outside school is left clear allowing traffic to flow more freely

End of the day top tips (if you need to drive)

- Park and Stride from Asda
- Drive a little further round Henniker gate and walk along the footpath - there are always plenty of spaces at this other end of the road.
- No stopping in the turning circle

I hope that your child enjoys a productive and successful start back to school on Wednesday. Please remember to contact your child's teacher at the earliest opportunity if you have any questions or concerns. We continue to offer our Wednesday **drop-ins** from 3:15pm where the teacher will be available in their classroom without the need for an appointment until 3:45pm so that you can view your child's work or ask any general questions about how they are settling in. Finally, we have nearly 1000 followers of our Twitter account [@Barnesfarmjnr](#) but we always welcome more to follow the achievements of our pupils and school in general.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday!

Yours sincerely,



Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

