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Welcome Letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to welcome you all, and especially our new families, to the new school year at Barnwood. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

The staff have been extremely busy over the holidays, and during our INSET days at the start of this week, getting the school ready for the new term and we are all really looking forward to welcoming the children in to school tomorrow. The swimming pool has also gone up and is ready for lessons to begin next week.

Parent/Teacher Welcome Meetings

To ease transition for the pupils (and you!) as they begin a new school year we will hold our parent/teacher welcome meetings for Y1-Y6 next week. A timetable for these meetings is displayed below and I would encourage you to make arrangements to come along if at all possible. These meetings will last approximately 10 minutes and are intended to give you an overview of the new classroom routines, timetable, expectations and curriculum content as well as providing an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and ask any burning questions you may have. We have an open door policy at Barnwood and I urge you to speak to your child's class teacher if you have something you would like to discuss.

Parent / Teacher welcome meetings		
Date	8.30am	3pm
Monday 8 th September		Y1
Tuesday 9 th September		Y2
Wednesday 10 th September	Y3	Y5
Thursday 11 th September	Y6	Y4

Behaviour and Attendance

I truly believe a positive, strong working relationship between home and school is really important in helping our children to achieve their best and to enjoy school. This includes supporting our children to understand what is, and is not, appropriate behaviour and ensuring all children attend school on time, every day. Our behaviour policy is attached to this email for your information.

School Events/Dates

Attached to this email you will also find our key dates for the academic year. Please note, the dates are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change – school will endeavour to inform you of any changes as soon as possible and I urge you to continue to check your emails and the school website for any updates.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

School starts at 8.45am and all classes will finish at 3.15pm. We operate a soft start window of 10 minutes to ease your drop off at the start of the school day between 8.45am – 8.55am.

Please note: children must be in class and ready to learn by 8.55am.

The school car park is staff only and over the summer break new automated electric gates have been installed to the main entrance of the school.

We ask that you allow sufficient time at the start and end of the school day to ensure children arrive in school on time and are collected promptly. For the safety of our children, adults and residents, please avoid parking on Colin Road if at all possible: parking alternatives are available on Grove Crescent, Barnwood Avenue, outside St Lawrence Church, and Wotton Hall Club kindly allow parents to use their car parking facilities at school drop-off and collection times. Please drive and park considerately at all times and be respectful and thoughtful to our school neighbours. Please do not park on pavements or block driveways as this puts pushchair and wheelchair users at risk as well as any pedestrians or assistance dogs that then have to step out on to the road. The side gate will be opened at 3.15pm to ease pick up and it will be locked at 3.30pm.

Barnwood Before & After School Wraparound Care

To support our families with their wraparound care needs, we have a Breakfast Club and After School Club on our site daily run by All My Friends. Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am each morning and After School Club is open from 3.15pm to 5.30pm daily (both term time only)

Places can be booked directly with All My Friends and booking forms are available on our website and from our school office.

https://www.barnwoodprimary.co.uk/parental_information/wraparound_care/wraparound_care.html

Communication

In our continued drive to reduce paper waste, the majority of our school communications will continue to come to you via the Parentmail emails sent from the school office. We may occasionally also send a text message, for example, if there is a short notice or urgent message we need to share with our school families. If you wish to contact the school please email or telephone the school office and they will be able to direct your communication to the correct person.

admin@barnwood.gloucs.sch.uk

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Class Dojo

We will also use Class Dojo for occasionally sharing work or pictures of activities; it may involve some general school updates but important information will still continue to come to you from the school office. Like a social media account, Class Dojo has a 'Class Story' where staff will be able to post information and pictures to parents/carers, and it has a messaging system where staff can post specifically just to you.

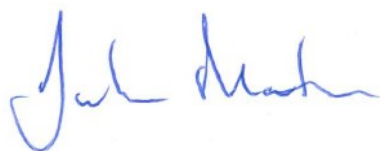
For those of you who are familiar with Class Dojo, it is important to note we will not be using the application for 'Dojo points' as we have our own effective house point token system in place. Please look out for communication from your child's class teacher over the coming days with Class Dojo access instructions.

School Uniform

A final plea to all – please can you stick to our uniform dress code for school uniform and PE kit uniform and send your child(ren) to school in the correct clothing. If you are finding this tricky, please let us know as we do hold some second-hand uniform and our Friends of Barnwood (FOBS) also operate a nearly new uniform sale.

Can I please reassure you that if you have any questions, however big or small, please don't hesitate to make contact and we will do our best to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely,



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