



# William Barnes Primary School

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Welcome to the first bulletin of the school year! On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, we are looking forward to welcoming all our families back to our setting, hearing about the wonderful adventures of the summer holiday and seeing friends catch up. We're also really excited to welcome and get to know those of you who are just starting your William Barnes journey. We know that not everyone's holiday will have been perfect; please do come and chat to your child's class teacher or a member of our office team if you think there is something we should know.

## **Please read the following reminders:**

**Gates to school open at 8:35am.** Teachers are available for a quick chat until 8:45am when our school day starts but if a longer conversation is needed, please arrange an appointment via the school office. Please don't be offended if a teacher explains that they are not able to talk to you if it is time for the bell –we don't like to keep our children waiting!

### **Late arrivals**

Children arriving late to school (after 8:45am) should be brought to the school office where a member of staff will take them to their class. We would encourage you to avoid lateness as it can make the start of the day more stressful for your child, and they will miss one of our favourite parts of the day – our class book.

### **Allergies**

We have children in our school who have severe allergies to nuts and sesame seeds. Could we please ask, therefore, that your children are not sent to school with these in their snacks or lunches. I know you will join me in wanting to keep every member of our school community safe.

### **Parking**

Our car park is small and the spaces are needed for both staff and professionals who may be visiting. Please do not park there without a 2025-6 permit, which will usually require the production of your Blue Badge. Should you have a short-term reason for needing to use the car park, please pop into the school office to request a temporary permit. We reserve the right to close and lock the barrier to the car park at any time.

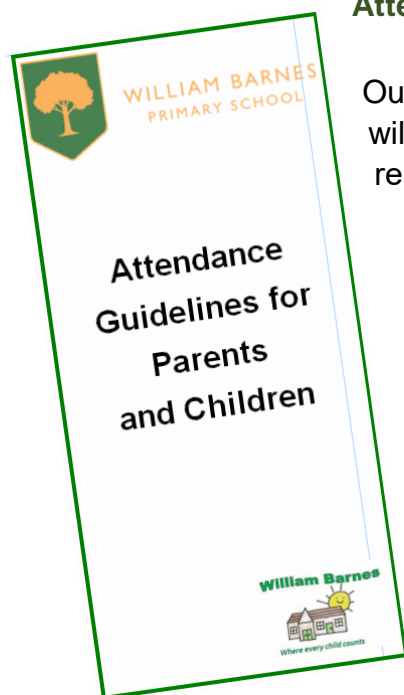
### **Training Day**

For the staff, the term starts on Wednesday with our INSET day. Safeguarding training for all staff is always part of the INSET at the beginning of the year. We will also discuss Teaching & Learning strategies, our curriculum, SEND and mathematics. Some of you have been invited to pop in with your children prior to starting the school year – we are looking forward to seeing you!

## #WBProud

We are very proud of our school community; if you haven't already, please follow our Facebook and Instagram pages where we celebrate the positive things we do. If your child has achieved something out of school that you would like to share with us all, please email the office with a photo and brief description; we will regularly share these across our social media accounts. Equally, if one of our William Barnes grown-ups has achieved something amazing, we'd like to share that too, so if you've raised money for charity, graduated, met your reading goals or finally finished doing up that Harley Davidson, we'd love to hear from you!

## Attendance Counts



Our Attendance Leaflet will be coming home soon, and some parents/carers will be invited to early attendance support meetings. Please take the time to read the leaflet, and to come and chat to me if you're invited.

### NOTICES

#### Uniform

Please can I remind you that our uniform policy is:  
plain white shirt,  
dark green/school branded sweatshirt or cardigan  
plain grey/black skirt or pinafore dress or  
plain grey/black trousers or shorts  
low-heeled black shoes (not trainers).

*We do not wear leggings, 'casual' shorts, or trainers as part of our daily uniform.*

PE kit – drawstring/PE bag, green school PE shirt, navy/black shorts, black or white plimsolls, spare socks.

If cold, plain navy/black jogging bottoms or sports leggings may also be worn.

*We do not wear hoodies or jewellery for PE for health and safety reasons.*

See you on Thursday!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hecke'.

Headteacher

