



# Barrs Court Primary School



December 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear parent and carer,

As we approach the end of another busy and productive year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in your child's education and the wider school community, and we are grateful for the encouragement and collaboration you have shown throughout the year.

It has been wonderful to see the children at Barrs Court grow and achieve so much this year, both academically and personally. From their dedication in the classroom to their enthusiasm in extracurricular activities, they have consistently demonstrated determination, curiosity and pride —values we are proud to nurture at our school.

We have had many highlights in 2024 year but seeing our Girls Football team reach two national finals was a phenomenal achievement, the summer show was so inspiring and demonstrated the creativity in the school and this week we saw our Reception children perform with such confidence in their first nativity performance. I am sure everyone has something that brought them joy and that they will remember fondly from 2024.

As the festive season approaches, I would like to wish all those celebrating a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, peace and laughter. For those marking the season in other ways, I hope it is a time of rest and happiness for you and your family.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we are excited to continue working with you to support our students' learning journeys. The new year will bring fresh opportunities for growth and achievement, and we are committed to helping every child thrive.

Thank you once again for being such a supportive school community. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all **by 8:45am** on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Please continue reading for important notices relating to next term.

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Headteacher



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Important changes from January 2025



## Car Park

The safety of our children is our top priority. To ensure the wellbeing of everyone on the school grounds, we are making an important change to how families enter and leave the premises.

Starting from January 2025, no children or families will be permitted to use the car park entrance to access or exit the school at any time of day. This includes arrivals for Breakfast Club, departures after clubs, or any other school activities. **All families must use the main entrance to enter and leave the school grounds.**

We cannot and will not take any risks with the safety of our pupils, staff and families.

Please note that anyone attempting to use the car park entrance will be asked to return and use the main gate without exception.

## Gate in the morning and punctuality

As you are all aware, the school day begins promptly at 8:45am, with lessons starting immediately at this time. It is crucial that children arrive on time to ensure a smooth and focused start to the day.

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increasing number of families arriving between 8:45am and 9:00am, which disrupts the flow of lessons for the teachers and can cause distress for children who arrive late. Being on time not only sets a positive tone for the day but also helps children settle into the classroom routine and maximises their learning time.

To address this, starting in January, the school gates will close at 8:50am. Any children arriving after this time will need to enter through the main office, where their lateness will be recorded.

If your family is consistently arriving after 8:45am, we will invite you to a supportive meeting to discuss any challenges you may be facing and work together to find solutions to help your child arrive on time. We understand that mornings can be challenging, and we are here to support you in any way we can to ensure a positive start to the school day for every child. Thank you for your cooperation in making punctuality a priority.

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club bookings

We understand that unexpected events can arise, and there may be occasions when you need to drop off your child at Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club without prior booking. On these rare occasions, we are happy to accommodate your child wherever possible.

However, when this becomes a regular occurrence, it can pose challenges for our staff and resources. To ensure we can provide the best care and maintain the safety and smooth operation of these clubs, we kindly ask that all places are booked in advance online. If you experience any issues booking online, please contact the school office directly.

Please note that if your child is not collected on time at the end of the school day without good reason and requires Afterschool Club, this will incur a charge for the time spent in the club.



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