



# Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday; they are all looking very smart in their uniforms. The school is really calm and purposeful already. The children have settled quickly into their new classrooms and are getting to know their new teachers and teaching assistants. I held a whole school assembly on Tuesday and was so proud of the children's respectful behaviour as they came into the hall and listened to the assembly. Our new Reception children are also settling really quickly; we look forward to having them with us all day from next week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parent Talks, which start next week, and will give parents information about their child's new year group. If you haven't received information about these, please contact the School Office. I encourage you to attend as it will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and have a greater understanding of what the year will bring and how best to support your child.

Most of our Year 4 children are off on their residential, Henley Fort on Wednesday. It's a fantastic trip and I know they will all have a wonderful time. Let's hope the weather cools down a little.

## **Car Parks**

Please can parents not walk through the school's car parks but use the footpath around the side of the car park to enter the school building and school playgrounds.

## **Positive Behaviour Policy**

As a school we will be developing our Positive Behaviour Policy this year. The children's behaviour at school is, on the whole, exemplary, but as a school we are always looking for ways to improve and move forward. The foundations for our improved policy will come from a book called, *'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes'*, written by Paul Dix. This week we have introduced our three school rules to the children, 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and 'Fantastic Walking' (encouraging sensible and safe walking throughout the school). I will send more information home as the policy develops so you have an understanding of what we are working on at school and can discuss things at home with your children.

## Travel to school and parking

Please consider parking further away from the school in surrounding roads to play your part in easing congestion around the school at peak periods. Or can you walk or cycle to school—really good for the family's health and the environment!

There is also a one-way route we are trying to enforce around the school during drop-off and collection times. Please see the map below:

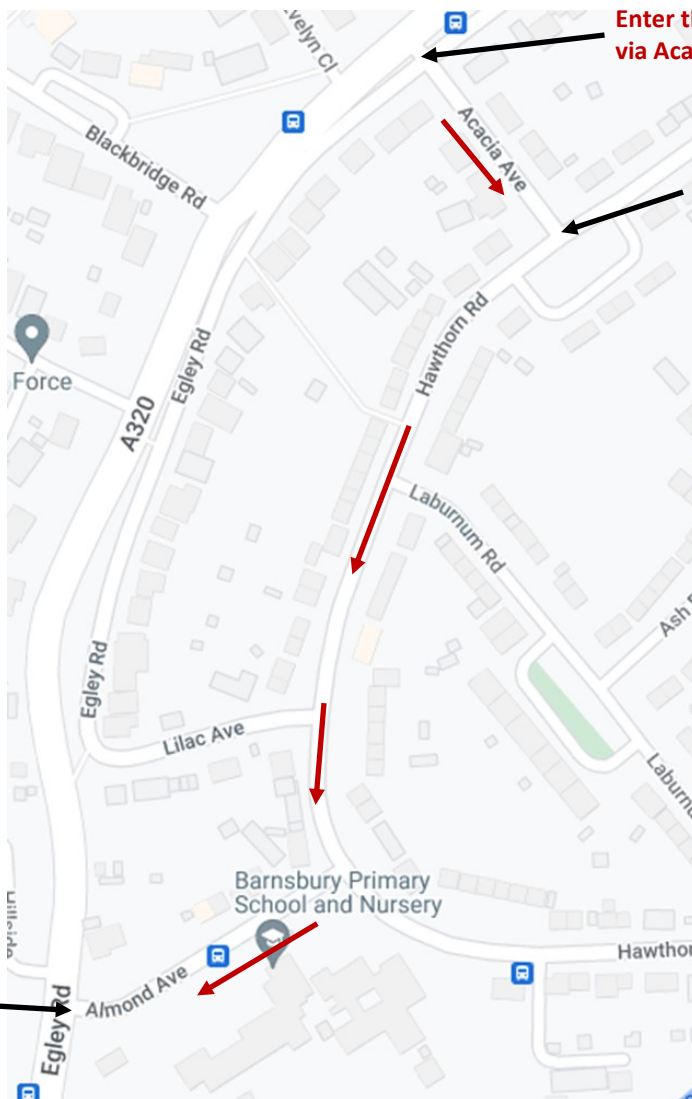


Keep everyone safe—drive slowly around the estate.



Consider our neighbours and all parking restrictions when leaving your car. Yellow lines, driveways and verges are not appropriate places to park your car.

Please don't enter the estate here—exit only.



Enter the estate via Acacia Avenue



To ease congestion around the school, turn left here.

One-way route turning right onto Hawthorn Road, then right into Almond Avenue, exiting onto Egley Road.



The pavements are busy with walkers, prams, scooters, bikes and more. Be alert to keep everyone safe.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher

# Dates for Class Assemblies 2023-24

All class assemblies will be on a Friday morning and will be held in the main school hall at 9.00am

## Autumn Term

23rd September	6G
29th September	4D
17th November	4T
24th November	6G
1st December	5M

## Spring Term

2nd February	3M
9th February	6J
8th March	1M
15th March	3B

## Summer Term

10th May	2M
17th May	5B
24th May	2T
21st June	1B
28th June	Oak
5th July	Ash



# Football Fun Factory

## Football Fun and Development - Ages 5-12

Tuesday's

17:30-18:30

Woking Hockey Club

Friday's

18:30-19:30

Guildford County School

Register For a 3 week Free trial

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

## Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.

