



Key information for Prospective Parents

Everything we do at Barns Green Primary is driven by our core **values**:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Perseverance
- Compassion
- Community
- Inclusion

At Barns Green we revisit 1 value every half-term. By the time pupils leave, they are able not only to define the value, but demonstrate what they look like in everyday life.

Our Vision

- Promoting independent thought & learning
- Providing a broad-based education
- Respecting individuality and difference
- Emphasising the importance of team work
- Nurturing physical health, emotional security and spiritual richness

The Barns Green Curriculum

At Barns Green Primary, we teach the National Curriculum. This consists of 3 core subjects:

English Maths and Science, and

- Art & Design
- Computing
- Design and technology
- French (Key Stage 2)
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Personal & Social Education

Our full curriculum plan, breaking the National Curriculum down into classes and terms can be found on our website.

School organisation – the national picture

Your child will currently be working through the **Early Years Foundation Stage** (EYFS). Their first year in Primary school (Reception) is also spent on the EYFS. At the start of Year 1, they will be ready to move onto the **National Curriculum**. This is split into 4 Key Stages. So we have:

EYFS (Reception)

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)

All of the above are taught at Primary School. At the end of Year 6, your child will move to Secondary School:

Key Stage 3 (Year 7-9)

Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11).

At the end of Year 11, pupil sit their GCSEs.

School organisation – Barns Green Primary

So, with 7 school years (Reception and Years 1-6), how do they fit into 5 classes?

- Dormouse Class – Reception & Year 1 (currently 27 children)
- Hedgehog Class – Year 1 & Year 2 (currently 29 children)
- Squirrel Class – Year 3 & Year 4 (currently 30 children)
- Otter Class – Year 4 & Year 5 (currently 30 children)
- Fox Class – Year 6 (currently 19 children)

How do you decide which child goes where when a year group is split?

This is down to the professional judgements of the class teachers. Our aim is to create balanced classes, with balances of gender, prior attainment, & friendship groups. We do **not** split year groups along age or ability lines.

How does 2 year groups in a class work?

This is difficult to summarise in a few lines!

The National Curriculum is not split into year groups. Instead it provides us with our end of Key Stage goals. Each child will have a different starting point for this journey, and the journey is led by the teachers. Teaching for wide ability ranges within a classroom is part of everyday teaching experience. A (fairly-old now) piece of research one found that, even in a single-age class, the gap between the highest and lowest achiever is approximately 7 chronological years.

A longer explanation can be found [here](#).

Inclusion

Looking at our school as a whole:

- 11% are on the Special Needs Register
- 14% have English as an Additional Language
- 7% are in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant

Academic

We follow the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. Our Year 1 phonics outcomes are in line with National Averages.

At the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 our outcomes are in line with national outcomes.

In recent years our end of Key Stage 2 standards have been above the floor standard.

At the end of year 6, children move onto a whole range of secondary schools – The Weald, Tanbridge House, Forest, Bohunt, Millais and Christ's Hospital.

Pastoral

Your child's main point of contact through the year will be with their Class Teacher

Children are sorted into houses 1 of 4 Houses (Siblings are in the same house) Once a week our Learning Mentor visits. She is available to work with pupils who face non-academic barriers to learning, e.g. a family bereavement
School is supported by our Head Boy and Head Girl
Pupils have a voice through the Student Leadership
Older pupils are trained with the skills to become effective Play Leaders

School Times

Site opens – 8:45
Registration – 8:55
School ends – 3:20

We offer before and after school clubs.

Key Dates

Online application are now open

Monday 17th 2022 - National closing date

Monday 18th April 2022 – Online applicants notified by email; others by 2nd class post. We have 20 places in Reception. In a usual year we would fill approx. 18 of those. **Contacts**

I am more than happy to make a telephone appointment to answer questions.
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