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## Barley Lane School

Ready, Respectful, Safe.



19.07.23

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been some time since we have written to you although communication remains strong between us via phone and text.

It has been a very busy term and I am pleased to inform you that Ofsted recognize that we continue to be a 'Good' school. There is some work to do around the curriculum (what we want the children to learn, why and how we go about that) and we have been working very hard to address all of their feedback.

Please read the report by clicking on the link or adding to your search bar.

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It remains business as usual and as we wish to express our thanks to you for all of your support, not least in attendance that at least matches the SEN national average of 86%. A fantastic effort between us and yet still room for improvement. Attendance always drops a little at this time of year due to study leave and the year 11 leaving date.

### School Website

***I cannot emphasise enough the importance of keeping your children safe online at all times, not least in the summer break.***

Online safety and relationships; something we are working on in school with the children through our values (Ready, Respectful, Safe) PSHE curriculum and our relational approach.

### School Timings

We continue to open the gates at 10.30am in the morning on a Monday in September 2023. This time is essential and is used as you would imagine to great effect in ensuring the best possible education that the school continues to strive for.

The school website is an excellent resource for information about the school.

[www.barleylaneschool.org.uk](http://www.barleylaneschool.org.uk)

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### Other news

Pupils in KS3 and 4 successfully completed their DofE bronze award in June. This is a fantastic accreditation that employers value immensely and boosts applications significantly in college and job opportunities.

We also had our first **school fete** last week with all children onsite participating together in a joyous occasion – we hope they communicated how much they enjoyed it to you as they did to us! It was truly fantastic and something we will develop I am sure over the coming years alongside other opportunities.

We are trying to secure swimming opportunities for KS2 from September 2023. We will update you if we are fortunate enough to secure both a facility and a coach – they are both very hard to come by.

### Exams

Both SATS and GCSE exams were conducted brilliantly by all who participated and we continue to be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements – we have all our fingers crossed for the year 11's who were remarkable.

### Staffing

Recruitment remains a challenge and we continue to recruit to all essential positions.

We have recruited some excellent new staff;

**Mr. Halse** – PE teacher, joins us to take over the PE department from September 2023 and we are looking forward to his start.

**Mr. Clotworthy** – KS 4 nurture teacher, joins us and has many years of SEN experience across a range of roles

**Mr. Norton** – KS 3 nurture teacher and brings a wealth of experience and skills also

**Ms. Ball** – PSHE teacher for dedicated PSHE/RSE teaching

We have some leavers who made a huge contribution to teaching and learning, finance and learning support. We will greatly miss them all.

Additionally, Ms Burnard leaves us after 4 years and will be greatly missed by all and we wish her all the very best in her future and next chapter.

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Finally, we wish you and your family a happy, safe and fun summer break and look forward to their return on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The last day of term for this term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

With warm wishes

*Mr. Jones and the team at Barley Lane School*