

# Welcome to Barham School We're here to help.

### Hello!

If you're new to being a parent at Barham School, then welcome to our school. If you've been a parent here before, we're glad to be working with you once again. This leaflet will give you a little information about who and where to go to if you have questions or concerns about your child.

### The school office

Mrs Taylor (Claire) and Mrs King (Bridget) run the school office. They will be your first stop for most questions and queries about the school day. If your child is going to be absent from school, you have a query about school dinners or a school trip, or if you question or concern, contact them. If they don't know the answer to your question they will always find out or put you in touch with someone who can help.



You can call the school office between 8am and 4.30pm on 01227 831312, email them at office@barham.kent.sch.uk, or pop into the office to speak with them in person.

### Class teachers and teaching assistants

Our teaching staff are friendly and approachable. Before school they need time to get ready for the school day, so the best time to talk to them is after school. Have a chat with them when you collect your child from school, or contact them through the school office if you'd like them to give you a call or make an appointment. They will be pleased to talk with you about your child's learning and wellbeing, or if you are worried about them. Teachers use an online platform called Seesaw to set homework tasks and share news. You will received login details for this.

### Family Liaison Officer

Our FLO (Family Liaison Officer) is Mrs Anderson (Michelle). She is usually available outside the



school entrance at the start and end of the day. If you've had a tricky morning, your child has mislaid something, struggled with their homework or if they or you are worried

about school, she is available to chat with you. If you have a concern for your child and would like to talk in more detail, she is very happy to meet with you or talk on the phone.

Just above the school office we have a quiet meeting room where you can talk privately.

# Services available for families

Mrs Anderson can help to put you in touch with services locally that can give you and your family longer term or more specific help, such as counselling, family support, advice about domestic abuse or access to health services.

# Special Educational Needs

Mrs Anderson is also our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. If you think your child might have a special educational need do contact Mrs Anderson. It is really helpful to know if you or your child's pre-school have thought your child might have a difficulty that will affect them at school.

## Medical Needs

Lots of children have medical conditions, allergies or asthma. The school needs to know about these to ensure we care for your child well. Mrs Anderson will work with you to make a care plan for your child.