



Barnes Primary School

Welcome to Year Two

Transition booklet

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have an enjoyable summer break.

We would like to make the transition from Year One to Year Two as smooth as possible so have provided a booklet with key information. We hope that you find this useful in getting ready for Year Two.

Pick up and drop off

There will be a slight change in drop off and pick up for Year Two this year to reduce people traffic and ensure safety for you, your children and the staff.

Year 2 children will be entering and leaving through the Year 2 gate.

2D should line up facing the gate, parallel to the flats.

2B should line up facing the gate, parallel to 2B's classroom.

The gates will open at 8:45am and be closed at 8:55am.

Please may we politely ask the parents to move away from the gate as soon as their child has been dropped off or picked up. We want to minimise the congestion here.

Learning will begin at 8.45am and the register will be taken at 9:00am. Please try and be prompt as Year One will be arriving straight after. **If you arrive after the gate is closed, you must go to the front desk where Steph can mark your child in the register.** Thank you so much for your help with this.

The above altered arrangements follow the current government guidelines. Should these guidelines happen to change before the start of the new term we will inform you as soon as possible.

Moving into Year Two, we encourage the children to adopt greater independence. Therefore, we suggest that your children carry their own book bags and belongings to school ensuring a smooth and quick goodbye at the gate. We really appreciate your cooperation with this procedure. It will help to keep drop off a smooth and calm experience, creating a good start to your child's school day. On your child's first day at school please can they bring with them:

- Their book bag (or rucksack but the book bags are preferable)
- Year One reading journal
- A clearly named water bottle
- Their PE kit

It is really important that **every item of uniform and PE kit are clearly named with permanent marker or sewn in labels.** We will have high expectations in Year Two for children looking after their belongings. This is difficult to do if their uniform is not clearly labelled. Thank you so much for supporting this.

The children should be picked up will be at **3:15pm**. Please can parents line up in the same place as they do in the morning. A straight queue will be very helpful for us for dismissing so that we can easily see you and the children in the class. Your child's teacher will then call your child and say goodbye, just like they did in Year One when the children came back to school.

Staffing in Year 2

Mr Beadon will teach 2B and Miss Duncombe will teach 2D. The classroom assistant in Year 2 is Lama Enjarie.

The first week

The first few days back will focus on settling children so that they settle with their new teacher, understand the rules and systems in place and know where everything is. We will do lots of little tours of the areas so that the children settle beautifully and feel confident in their new learning environment.

Communication

Normally, in Key Stage One we have a communications book for each class so that you can pop messages in it for us to check each break time. We also usually have a staff member available to talk to in the mornings and we are available at the end of the day. We love having this communication with you as we feel it helps us understand your child and brings us closer as a community.

Due to the current scenario, we are not able to offer this due to safety measures within the school. Please feel free to pop your class teacher an email with a quick one-liner message, such as 'Ralf didn't sleep well last night' so that we can still hear these messages and ensure we are helping your child.

Katie Duncombe: kduncombe@barnes.richmond.sch.uk

Will Beadon: wbeadon@barnes.richmond.sch.uk

If you do wish to speak to your child's teacher in person, we'd ask at the moment that you please wait at the end of the line at home time. This allows us to keep the number of adults in a small area to a minimum. Alternatively, you can send an email to inform us or arrange a meeting.

PE, Music and Computing

2B and 2D will have indoor PE and computing on **Wednesday mornings**. Miss Duncombe will teach both classes indoor PE whilst Mr Beadon will teach computing to both classes.

Both classes will have their outdoor PE and Music lessons on a **Thursday afternoon**. They will be taught by Mrs Warner for music and Mr Pashley for PE.

Please can children bring their named PE kit to school with them on the first day back. The PE kit and bag can remain at school for the half term.

Systems, routines and expectations

We have written about key routines and systems below. Some of these may be slightly different to what you have been used to in Year One.

Reading books and journals

Children are expected to have their reading books and journals with them every day. This is different to Year One. The expectation for reading remains the same - that children read each night at home to an adult. Miss Duncombe and Mr Beadon will be checking the reading journals at the end of each day to ensure regular reading. The reading journal is another good way of communicating any questions or queries with your child's class teacher. The children will be given the opportunity each day to change their reading books if they've finished it.

Home learning

The Year Two home learning template is similar to the one in Year One. A key difference is that we will now be sending the home learning out using Teams. We are really excited about this change as it will give us more opportunities with the home learning as well as being more environmentally friendly. It will also allow us to make videos to accompany the learning at home when appropriate. We do **not** expect you to print out the home learning letter and we will provide the children with any additional resources they may need. We will send home a home learning book for the children to work in which does not need to be handed in weekly. **Home learning will be set each Friday and learning should be uploaded (when necessary) on Teams by Thursday morning.** We will give you more information about this at the beginning of the school year.

Class reps

We have had wonderful class reps this year in Year Two and so much parental support in general. If you would like to be the class rep of 2B or 2D next year please email kduncombe@barnes.richmond.sch.uk or wbeadon@barnes.richmond.sch.uk.

Parent helpers

We value parental support with reading so that children can receive as much 1:1 reading as possible. As soon as we are able to have parent helpers in school, we will put up a sign-up sheet. We will talk more about this at the curriculum evening.

Year Two meeting

A 'Year Two curriculum meeting' will be held on **Tuesday 8th September at 6.30pm**. It will either be in the KS1 hall or it will be virtual, depending on government guidance nearer the time. During this meeting we will talk to you about:

- How the children have settled
- The curriculum in Year Two
- New systems and routines such as home learning, spellings, handwriting and maths fluency
- How to help at home
- Expectations

Recovery curriculum

We teach our curriculum through kindness, compassion and hope. In light of the pandemic and training we have received on potential responses to the pandemic, we will be exploring feelings in a child friendly way and practising mindfulness together. We understand that children may have suffered the following losses of routine, friendship, structure, opportunity and freedom. We know exercise, music, play, discussion and art are wonderful ways to facilitate recovery from any of these losses. Some of our favourite resources, which you might like to share with your children at home are: *How are you feeling today?* by Molly Potter and Cosmic Kids yoga on Youtube. If you or someone in your family has experienced loss or trauma during the pandemic and would like to talk to us about it, please do get in touch. We would really like to offer any support we can.

Summer holidays

Please continue to reading with your child over the extended summer break. This will ensure that children are prepared for Year Two. Working on the laminated maths fluency cards and their Year One and Two spelling words would also be highly beneficial.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children next year. We hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing break.

Kind regards,

Mr Beadon and Miss Duncombe