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Dear Parent/Carer

19th May 2025

ADMISSION TO BARKISLAND CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025



Welcome to Barkisland School — where every child is valued, nurtured, and inspired to succeed. This letter will outline the events which will be taking place over the next few weeks so that your family has all the information needed to prepare them for starting school.

Information Evening – Wednesday 11th June 2025

I would like to invite you to an Information Evening at School in the Sutton Hall (entrance located on Scammonden Road) on Wednesday 11th June at 6.00pm, parents and carers only. The session will last approximately 1½ hours. **It is advisable NOT to bring children as there is lots of information shared and lots to focus on.**

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that both school and you, as parents or carers, are able to share information which will help your child get the best start to school life. There will be opportunities for you to speak to some of our staff members and visit the classroom. Our main topic of conversation will relay how to support your child and their transition to Barkisland Primary School. This will include:

Establishing routines: Set regular bedtimes, meal times, and reading times.

Encouraging independence: Let children practice dressing, eating, and toileting on their own.

Reading to your child daily: Build vocabulary, comprehension, and a love of books.

Labelling emotions: Help children understand and express their feelings appropriately.

Encouraging curiosity: Answer questions and nurture a love for learning.

Modelling enthusiasm for school: Speak positively about school and learning.

FAMILIARISATION VISIT – FRIDAY 4th JULY 2025

We have arranged a familiarisation visit for all children who will be a part of the Reception class on **Friday 4th July, 10:00am to 2:30pm. If your child already attends Nursery on this date then please drop them off as usual and they will be escorted to the Reception classroom at 10:00am and return to Nursery at 2:00pm.** This will give them chance to meet their class teacher and other staff who will be working with them and to get to know the classroom. Please use the pupil entrance on Stainland Road (see map below).

As soon as they are settled, we encourage you to leave them to explore the exciting classroom independently and return at 2:00pm. Please collect them from the pupil entrance on Stainland Road where you dropped your child off at the beginning of their session.

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BUDDY LETTER

Your child will receive a letter from a current Year 5 child welcoming them to school. This will be in your Parents Information pack given to you at the Information Evening and will be explained in more detail on the evening.

UNIFORM

Barkisland School uniform can only be purchased from school and will be on display at the meeting on the **Wednesday 11th June** and **Friday 4th July**. Uniform can be purchased via our online system, School Spider, which we will set you up on after the Information Evening. **When your uniform order is ready for collection you will be notified.**

Non-branded uniform in the same school colours can also be purchased from other providers eg., supermarkets etc.

CONSENT FORMS AND PERMISSIONS

Please complete the online consent forms and permissions as soon as possible. These forms are imperative so we have all the relevant, up-to-date information regarding your child so we can support them to their full potential. Completing these forms enables us to input your information onto our communication platform, School Spider, where you can book kids club, holiday club and purchase uniform.

Contact Information: <https://forms.gle/Swt9CiMhCYkzMrqU9>

Medical Information: <https://forms.gle/9RvohmZJdberRZok9>

Parental Consent: <https://forms.gle/RHnWYzt1eJAWCatN6>

Data Collection and Pupil Equality Data: <https://forms.gle/8VDhXaqNeGfvRRqg8>

Parental Social Media Photographic Consent: <https://forms.gle/vKFDzWvPxCoz8wr28>

Home School Agreement: <https://forms.gle/LDGCdpgSgGBEZwB2A>

Seesaw Permission Form: <https://forms.gle/4r2YCcch1nxM5WGg7>

Communication between Home and School: <https://forms.gle/xitkJ3x7YjZjdVWD6>

School Privacy Notice: https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/serve_file/17143907

BARKISLAND KIDS CLUB and HOLIDAY CLUB

We are fortunate enough to operate a before and after school club (Barkisland Kids Club) which is run by school. We are open every day from 7.30am until the start of the school day, and from the end of the school day until 6.00pm. More information can be found on the school website: <https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/page/kids-club/126246> If you are keen to book your child a place in the before or after school club, booking forms will be available on School Spider and you can access this once you have access to the system. They are released before every term; so Autumn, Spring and Summer. Places can be booked up until 7:30am for Breakfast club and up until 3:00pm for After School club, these can be amended and controlled by yourselves using the School Spider app. Our Holiday Club provision runs throughout the school holidays in the Sutton Hall, programmes for our Holiday Club are released in the half-term prior to the school holidays, these can also be booked and amended by yourselves using the School Spider App.

SEPTEMBER 2nd 2025

Children will start on a full-time basis on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.55 am. From this date, they should be dropped off at the EYFS classroom entrance between 8.45 to 8.55am, which is accessed via the entrance on Stainland Road (opposite Barkisland cricket club field). This is where your child will be collected from at 3.30 pm each day. You will have the opportunity to become familiar with this part of the school during the Information Evening.

We hope the arrangements outlined above will help them settle quickly into school life and look forward to working in partnership with you in the months and years ahead.

I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 11th June.

Kind regards

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