



BARCROFT ACADEMY

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Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back to Barcroft Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Barcroft Academy!

Apologies for the long letter but there is always so much to remember at the start of the academic year and for our new families who have joined Barcroft.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and that our children are feeling refreshed, excited and ready for another year of learning, friendship and fun. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and see so many smiling faces around the academy.

Welcome to our new staff

We are delighted to welcome some new members to our Barcroft family this September. A very warm welcome to **Miss S. Kaur**, our new **Year 4 teacher**, and to our new support staff: **Miss S. Patel, Miss E. Evans, Mrs L. Atkins and Mrs K. Angell.**

REMINDERS:

Please be on time

Our doors open at:

- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 8:40am**
- **Year 3 to Year 6 – 8:45am**
- **Gates close promptly at 9:00am**

Ready for learning

Please ensure children arrive each day with everything they need, including the correct school uniform, suitable footwear and any equipment required.

Uniform

Please remember that children should wear the correct Barcroft Academy uniform each day.

- Black school shoes or all-black trainer-shoes should be worn – no trainers or Crocs.
- Extreme haircuts, including tramlines and unnatural colours, are not permitted.
- Nail varnish, false nails and make-up are not permitted.
- Jewellery should be limited to **stud earrings only**. Hoops and dangling earrings are not permitted.
- Jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Children should be able to remove their own earrings as staff are unable to assist with this.

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If you need support with uniform or PE kit, please speak to a member of staff – we are always happy to help.

PE Kit

Children are expected to change independently for PE.

For indoor PE, children should wear **black shorts, a white top and pumps or trainers.**

For outdoor PE, children should wear **black shorts and a white T-shirt** in warm weather, with additional tracksuits/fleeces and suitable trainers when the weather is colder.

Mobile phones

Only pupils in **Year 6** may bring a mobile phone into school if they are walking to school or home independently. This is so they can contact their parent/carer if there is an issue.

Please remind your child that their phone must be **switched off before they enter the school site.** All mobile phones should be signed in and these are stored in our main academy office during the school day.

Healthy snacks

Breaktime snacks should be as healthy as possible, such as:

- Fruit
- Cereal bars
- Plain biscuits

Please remember that **crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted** as breaktime snacks.

Toast is also available to purchase from the school kitchen via ParentPay.

Reading

Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's progress. Please continue to encourage your child to **read every day** and record their reading where appropriate.

Attendance

Every day really does count!

Good attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress and enjoy school life. We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance through our Barcroft Bank and other rewards throughout the year.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may qualify for benefit-related Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to apply.

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Registering can provide additional funding through **Pupil Premium**, helping us to support pupils with their learning, wellbeing and wider academy experiences.

Universal Free School Meals will continue for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but please still apply for benefit-related Free School Meals if you are eligible.

You can check eligibility and apply through Walsall Council.

Free Breakfast Club (new for September)

Thanks to Government funding, we are pleased to offer a free Breakfast Club for all pupils from 8:15am–8:45am each school day. Booking via ParentPay is required to secure your child's place.

A few other important reminders

- **No dogs are permitted on the school site**, even if they are being carried.
- Please ensure **jumpers, cardigans, coats, PE kits, bags and lunchboxes are clearly named**. We had a significant amount of lost property last year!
- For safeguarding reasons, please **do not take photographs or videos of children** as they enter school or while on the school site.
- Scooters and e-bikes should **not be ridden on the school playgrounds**. Please push scooters across the playground.
- Bikes and scooters can be left in the designated bike racks on the Reception or Key Stage 2 playgrounds. These are left **at the owner's own risk** and the academy accepts no responsibility for loss, theft or damage.
- Please drive carefully and park considerably around the academy. The **Stringes Lane car park** is available for parents and carers.

Communication

If you have a question or concern, please speak to us. Your child's **class teacher should be your first point of contact**.

Our Phase Leaders for the new academic year are:

- **Mrs Kandola** – EYFS Phase Leader (Nursery & Reception)
- **Mr Bartleton** – KS1 Phase Leader (Years 1 & 2)
- **Mrs Parker** – Lower KS2 Phase Leader (Years 3 & 4)
- **Miss Edwards** – Upper KS2 Phase Leader (Years 5 & 6)

If your concern cannot be resolved by the class teacher or Phase Leader, our senior leadership team is also here to help:

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Mrs Edwards and Mr Bunce – Assistant Headteachers

Mr Bond – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Locke and Mr Bond are usually on the playground before school, so please come and speak to us if we can help.

Mr Cross – Learning Mentor is also available to support both children and families. All staff at Barcroft are committed to ensuring that every child achieves their full academic and social potential, so please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any concerns.

Training Days 2026–27

Our training days this academic year are:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2026**
- **Friday 23rd October 2026**
- **Monday 4th January 2027**
- **Monday 1st February 2027**
- **Monday 7th June 2027**

We value our partnership with families and are always happy to help wherever we can. Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and all that our children will achieve.

Let's make it a fantastic year together!

Mrs Locke
Headteacher

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