



Family Update

September 2020

Hello and hello again!

If you're a new parent or carer to Barham School, I hope you and your child have been made to feel really welcome to our school. If you're an 'experienced' Barham parent, I trust you and your child(ren) are getting used to being back after the last months of upheaval.

A brief introduction



My name is Michelle Anderson (the children call me Mrs Anderson but you are welcome to call me Michelle). I have two children who have been through primary school and are now at local secondary

schools. I've been a teacher for 23 years and have also worked part-time as a bookkeeper until recently. I've been working at Barham School for 5 years, mainly as the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) but also as Assistant Headteacher and a class teacher in Year 5. This year Mrs Higgins has asked me to take on a new role, as our school's **Family Liaison Officer**.

Now that the school term is well underway and we are all getting used to the one-way systems, staggered starts and finishes, hygiene protocols etc, I thought it would be helpful to let you know how I can help you and your family this year.

A quick chat

You'll see me at the school entrance almost every morning and afternoon and I am always ready for a quick chat 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.

A longer meeting

If you have a concern for your child(ren) and would like to talk in more detail, I am very happy to meet with you or talk on the phone. Ms Glen and Mrs King

in the office can arrange a meeting for you, or you can send me an email or leave me a text, Whatsapp or voice message on my school mobile, and I'll get back to you to arrange a meeting. Just above the school office we have a lovely new meeting room where we can talk privately.



Services available for families

I can also 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.

How can I help just now?

Do contact me if you have any of these worries, or perhaps something else.

My child is starting secondary school next year and I'm not sure which schools to choose...



At home we have trouble at mealtimes as my child is a fussy eater...

My child has been anxious about coming to school since the pandemic started...



The teachers tell me my child works and behaves well at school, but it's not like that at home...

Contact details:

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Phone/text/Whatsapp: 07497 308389 (between 8.30am and 4pm on school days except Thursdays)
Or leave a message for me at the school office.