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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that your child will be joining our Barham family. Starting school should be a happy and exciting time for both your child and for you. We know that you will have several questions to ask us and hope that the information here will begin to answer at least some of those questions.

We are currently planning lots of transition ideas to help your child move from nursery school and settle with us. Due to the Covid-19 constrictions, we have had to be extra creative in how we do this! We want to get to know your child and, more importantly, we want your child to get to know us and the school – and we have several ways of how we intend to do this outlined below.

Firstly, we will be setting up a new parent folder on our website so that all information can be found in one place and anything new will be updated there. The link to this is:  
<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/new-parents>

We are going to make some videos which will introduce key staff and your child can then see their class teacher, Miss MacDonald, and the teaching assistant Mrs Carol Potter. Our lovely Year 6 pupils will hopefully be back to school in June and we will be setting them the challenge of filming a tour of the school for you and telling you all about it.

Miss MacDonald will be recording her new parent evening presentation and putting this video on the school website. Miss MacDonald and Mrs Potter will also be doing some story time videos to help your child become familiar with the new adults that will be teaching them as well as making a 'social story' document for starting school. This will include photos of all key staff and areas that your child will use when they start, like the classroom and the hall.

Finally, once we have more guidance from the government, we can complete a plan that outlines our full transition procedures for your child. This will then be posted on the website and sent out to you.

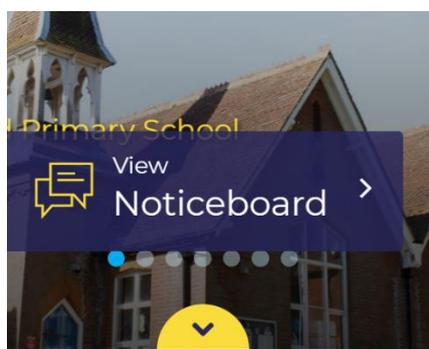
Miss MacDonald would normally visit and liaise with your child's existing child care provisions, so please can you ask them to email her [lona.macdonald@barham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lona.macdonald@barham.kent.sch.uk) so information about your child can be shared.



We know these are difficult times, but we are totally committed to supporting your child as they start at Barham Primary School. We will do our very best to make you and your child feel secure and valued and ready for the start of the new school year.

I will update the new parents page on the website when I have more information. We tried to add you to our email system so that you receive all the school letters and newsletters but sadly were unable to do it before the end of August. Instead, you can keep in touch with our school news by visiting the school website.

If you click on **View Noticeboard** on the home page of the school website: <http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/>, the page below right will appear. Click on the links to take you straight to the relevant page.



## Noticeboard

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**Where to find latest information**

Home learning for each class can be found here  
<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/class-pages>

Letters can be found here <http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters>

'Guess the Teacher!' and Newsletters for Children can be found here  
<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/newsletters>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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