

Barrow CE Primary School



This school continues to be good
Pupils are proud to be a part of this friendly village school.
New pupils and their families are made to
feel welcome, and settle in quickly

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PROSPECTUS 2022-23





Barrow CE Primary School is a vibrant and energetic school, which delivers high-quality education for boys and girls aged 4-11. Founded in 1865, the school has been right at the heart of the rural community of Barrow for over 150 years.

All members of our caring school team work hard to foster a love of learning in our pupils and our creative, vibrant curriculum enables them to shine. We have high expectations of all of our pupils and we seek to provide them with motivating learning experiences to help them achieve their optimum potential.

We want the highest standards for our children; standards in their care and concern for each other and in the community where they live, standards in their learning and their academic achievements, standards in their cultural and sporting activities, and standards in their moral and ethical behaviour.

Barrow School is a focal point of the village and our friendly community. Our strong Christian ethos and family atmosphere runs throughout the school, and is reflected in our happy, polite children and the caring and considerate attitudes they show to everyone who is part of our school family.

In recent years, the School has benefitted from growth, with pupils from beyond the village also flourishing within our caring, Christian environment, which supports children from all faiths and none.

We hope this Prospectus gives you an insight into the lively and varied life at Barrow CE School. However, the best way to get a true flavour of our spirit and atmosphere is to visit the school in person. Come and see for yourself!

John Armstrong, Chair of Governing Body
September 2022

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Mr John Armstrong

Number of children on roll:
46 (September 2022)



The school has close links to
St Bartholomew's Church in Barrow

The School

Our School is situated in Barrow, in rural Cheshire, conveniently only five miles from the city of Chester and throughout its life it has been a focal point of the village.

When it was first opened in Victorian times, the School had only two rooms and a school house for the headteacher. However, it now enjoys fantastic facilities that provide a top-quality learning environment for our children.

There are five main teaching areas. One of these areas is designed for Early Years, with access to a large, canopy covered secure area for the children. The School has wireless internet throughout and its own server, supporting a suite of laptops and mobile devices.

The original school house now contains both the administration and Headteacher's office, a fully refurbished kitchen, staff room and an activities room which is used for music lessons and special educational needs.

The School estate was significantly enhanced in September 2014 with the addition of a new hall, kitchen and corridor. The 100m² hall and adjoining buildings have increased the School's floor plan by a third and the re-modelling of some of the older areas has linked in the Victorian building in a sympathetic yet functional way. Toilet facilities were improved in 2018, and the Governors are actively considering how to further develop our premises.



Rated: 'Outstanding' and 'Good'

Our latest Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools report in March 2018 graded us as Outstanding. Ofsted's latest inspection in February 2022 found the School to be a Good School. To access these reports, please click on the links on the school's website.

<http://www.barrowcofeschool.com/>

School structure

The children are presently organised in two groups:

Acorn Class

Reception, and years 1 and 2

Willow Class

Years 3 to 6

The grounds

The School's superb grounds are surrounded by farmers' fields. There is a large playground and an extended playing field for the children to use at break times and for sporting activities.

The School has its own pond, well maintained gardens and a wildlife area where the children can further their environmental studies, work with our Forest School lead or sit and relax during pleasant summer days.

We have regularly won the Chester Schools in Bloom competition in recent years. We are currently one of the few schools in Cheshire to have received the RHS level 5 standard.





The School Day

The School doors are open for the pupils at 8.45 am for Registration.

The School Day is organised as follows:

Both classes

9.00 - 12 noon

1.00 - 3.30

Break times

10.30 am - 10.45 am,

2.15 pm - 2.30 pm.

The School benefits from on-site wrap around care, with breakfast club, Larks, open from 8.00 am. The after-school club, Owls, is available until 5:30 pm.



School Uniform

The School's uniform is a jade sweatshirt or cardigan with an embroidered school logo. (www.uniformity.co.uk)

Grey/black pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts, white polo shirt, or green/white checked dress (summer).

For P.E. and Games, children wear a jade t-shirt with a printed school logo, plain dark shorts and pumps

All clothing and equipment needs to be clearly marked with your child's name.

We ask parents to ensure their children do not wear jewellery in school as this could cause accidental injury to themselves or others. Children with pierced ears should only wear studs.

The National Curriculum

We aim to provide an exciting broad and balanced curriculum, which gives varied opportunities to develop a wide range of personal skills, knowledge and understanding through a programme of work structured to match each pupil's abilities and aptitudes.

We are determined to provide children with the tools to enable them to embrace the technology available in our ever-changing world. Laptops, iPads, and digital cameras are available throughout the School.

The curriculum is delivered through a practical, themed, creative approach promoting excitement and enthusiasm for learning. We value all areas of the curriculum and aim to provide children with high quality learning experiences that utilise our rural environment combined with our outstanding outdoor facilities.

Our curriculum is enriched by providing children with first-hand experiences of residential visits and educational trips. Our photographs and class pages on the School's website give a flavour of these experiences.



Admissions

If you would like a tour of the School, please contact Ms Hughes, our Bursar, who will arrange an appointment. Our admissions policy is in line with the application process which is documented in the 'Starting School in Cheshire' booklet available from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

For further information visit CWAC via this link : [School Admissions](#)

Homework

School homework is set on a regular basis in accordance with our homework policy. Every child is allowed and encouraged to take home books to read and enjoy, both from the School's reading scheme (also available online) and the class libraries. We consider parental involvement in supporting homework to be essential to the full development of a child. We 'strive for five' reading sessions at home per week. This is essential to support your child's progress.

Home life

We also enjoy congratulating our pupils in their achievements outside school. During our weekly Cup Assembly (where a cup is awarded to a pupil who has completed outstanding work or achievement) we actively encourage children to share their accomplishments. For example, our pupils have recently won national writing competitions, starred in theatre productions in Chester and Wales and achieved sporting success in various inter school competitions.

STAFFING 2022 - 23

NAME	CLASS	ROLE	IN SCHOOL
Mr Hudson		Headteacher	Tuesday Thursday
Mrs Goodwin	Willow Class	Teacher	Monday to Friday
Mrs Appelbe	Acorn Class	Teacher	Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Mrs Strickland	Acorn Class	Teacher	Wednesday Thursday Friday
Mrs Goodwin		Teacher in charge & SENDCO	Thursday Friday

NAME	ROLE
Miss Hughes	Bursar / Business Manager
Mr Holland	Forest School Leader
Mrs Pickering	Willow Class Teaching Assistant
Miss Rose	Acorn Class Teaching Assistant
Mrs Watling	Acorn Class Teaching Assistant
Mrs Richardson	School Caretaker Midday Assistant



The School in the Community

The School retains its strong links with the local community and the children are encouraged to take part in the many and varied village activities. This stimulates a sense of belonging, caring and concern for the Village and environment.

We believe that education is a partnership between home and school. Parents and members of the community are welcomed into the School to our concerts and special assemblies or to assist in the classroom.

The School also takes part in the Village Horticultural Shows and Harvest Time and Christmas celebrations are celebrated by all members of the community. We have strong links with Barrow Cricket Club and are also part of the Cheshire School Sports Partnership.

The School is a member of the Chester East Network of Schools (CENS), where a total of 13 schools work closely together on curriculum matters, peer group activities and sporting links.

Parents, Teachers and Friends' Association (PTFA)

Our pro-active and dynamic PTFA organises numerous fundraising events for the benefit of the School and its pupils, such as discos, cheese & wine evening, chocolate bingo, teddy bears' picnic. It also assists with both the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fair. The PTFA has its own page on our website.

Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship

We have very strong links with our local church, St. Bartholomew's, and regularly attend, perform and take part in services. We also hold our own celebrations throughout the year. Our Vicar, Reverend Andy Stinson, is a regular visitor to our school and frequently takes assemblies.

RE is taught according to the agreed Cheshire Syllabus and Cheshire's RE Scheme of Work. The School has daily collective worship when Bible stories and stories with a moral theme are taught and discussed. As a parent, you have the right to withdraw your child from such instruction and also from school assemblies.

Our Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the annual Leavers' Service are held in the Church. A team from the diocese called *Open the Book* lead a collective workshop session each week.

While Christian festivals are celebrated within the School, festivals of other religions are also taught as part of the cross-curricular activities.

Musical Instrument Tuition

A representative from the *Music for Life* team visits the School on a weekly basis to tutor groups of pupils who have shown a desire to learn to play a musical instrument.



Method of Recording and Assessing Progress

All the children are assessed on a termly basis and records are kept on each child's development and progress. We use a tracker system to monitor individual pupils and cohort progress through the year. Half termly meetings are held with staff and the SENDCO to discuss each child's progress.

Parental consultations are held in the autumn and spring terms for the teacher and parents to discuss children's progress and their targets. The children are also encouraged to comment on their own achievements as part of assessment for learning and the self evaluation process.

An annual School Report is also written and sent to parents. Parents' comments are invited. The child's results in the National tests, taken at Years 2 and 6, are assessed



Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a large selection of extra-curricular activities that are important to the culture and ethos of the School as they provide opportunities for all ages to experience and enjoy a wide range of pursuits.

Activities typically offered throughout the year include: Football, netball, multi-skills, gymnastics, cricket, tennis, athletics, cycling proficiency, gardening club, Music, Street Dance and Art club. Some of these are by external providers and a small charge is made.

We are an active member of the School Sports Association and regularly take part in inter-school competitions. We have an *Active Mark Award* in recognition of the quality of both curricular and extra curricular sport we make available. This award from Sport England is a prestigious achievement and we are very proud of our children.

School Trips

We support children's love of life and learning by our school trips. These include educational visits, to support classroom learning. For example trips to the Roman Experience in Chester, immersive experiences, including 'A Day in the Life of an Evacuee' at Tatton Park and visits to wildlife centres and local woodlands. We also inspire our pupils' love of adventure with residential trips to Tattenhall Centre (Year 3 & 4) and Conway Centre (Year 5 & 6), where pupils take part in outdoor activities such as sailing, rock climbing and canoeing and spending time together around the campfire.

School Meals and Break Time Snacks

We provide fantastic healthy meals and snacks. Our school meals service Edsential offer high quality and nutritious meals and exceed the government's 'National Nutritional Standards for Schools'. We offer:

- Filled jacket potatoes
- Salad bar and fruit available daily
- Yoghurt as a daily dessert choice
- Healthy, home made dishes including a roast dinner on a Wednesday
- All of our meat is provided by a local butcher and is delivered fresh directly to school.

Please note that only fruit or vegetables should be sent in for the morning snack, although toast can be purchased for a modest fee.

All infant children (Reception, Years 1 & 2) are entitled to a free school dinner.



Health Education

The National Curriculum has placed the responsibility on all schools to make a provision for Health Education through the foundation subjects. A whole school policy on Health Education is in place. The approach is shared by Christleton High School and its main contributory feeder schools, and ensures a continuity of approach for all children aged 5 - 18 years.

Parents and Governors have previously been consulted regarding the School's Sex Education Policy and have accepted the current Cheshire West and Chester Council's Policy. The shared view is that the topic should be approached sensitively as a natural feature of the curriculum and be part of the carefully structured and co-ordinated programme of study on Health Education which is relevant to the pupil's stage of development. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from sex education sessions.

Pastoral Care and Behaviour

The school promotes a positive approach to Behaviour Management, with the aim that all children feel safe, happy and ready to learn. We have three school rules which are well understood by all our pupils.

These are Ready; Respect and Try your Best.

Our behaviour policy can be found on the School's website.

The School follows the Cheshire West and Chester Guidelines on pupil exclusions. A school policy and a copy of these guidelines are available on the School website and on CWAC website.

Anti-Racist Statement

School governors and staff positively recognise the ethnic and cultural diversity present within our society today and we oppose any form of racism.

Our aim is to provide the best possible education according to the individual needs of every child in a concerned and caring atmosphere.

At Barrow CE School we use *No Outsiders in our School: Teaching the Equality Act in Primary Schools* by Andrew Moffat. This provides the resources for the school to deliver the objectives outlined in the 2010 Act. The Act makes it illegal to discriminate against an individual because of a range of protected characteristics.

The *No Outsiders* resource provides lesson plans for each primary year group based on a selection of picture books.

Issues addressed include gender & gender identity; religion; race; sexual orientation; disability and age. The focus is around celebrating and developing resilience around diversity. Through discussion and activities based upon the picture books, pupils are encouraged to show respect and develop their understanding of diversity.

Attendance and Absences

Parents are kindly asked to contact School by 9.30 am at the latest on the first day of absence if their child is unable to attend School. If parents do not contact school then we will contact home and emergency contact numbers if necessary.

Attendance at school is a legal requirement during school term. The Headteacher can only authorise absences in exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not considered an exceptional circumstance. If there are exceptional circumstances where a parent or carer believes a child would benefit from being taken out of school during term time, that parent or carer must write to the Headteacher seeking approval. A pupil's previous record of attendance will be taken into account when the Headteacher considers whether any particular circumstances can be described as exceptional. If the absence goes ahead after an application for approval has been declined, the School can ask Cheshire West and Chester Council to issue each parent or carer with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Safeguarding

The School is committed to safeguarding its pupils and adheres to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Safeguarding Policy. All parents and external providers who work with the children on a regular basis have been DBS checked.



Transfer to High School

Most children from Barrow C of E Primary School go on to attend Christleton High School. There are strong links between our schools and the staff and headteachers meet regularly to discuss issues to ensure continuity in the transfer of pupils. Year 6 pupils make a one day visit to the High School each July and take part in a transition project with all of the other pupils from other schools. Parents are invited to Open Nights to view the School for themselves. Details about transfer procedures are sent to parents of Year 6 pupils by the Area Office.

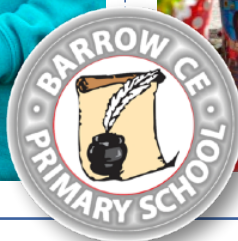
Complaints

There are regulations which lay down specific details of how a complaint should be dealt with. Complaints about the School's provision under the National Curriculum should first be made to the Headteacher and if not resolved, to the Chair of the Governing Body. The School's complaints policy can be easily found on the School's website.

And finally...

The information contained in this Prospectus relates to the School year 2022-23. Please be mindful that although correct at the date shown below, there may be changes during the year not reflected herein. The School website provides up to date information. See www.barrowcoeschool.com

Visits by prospective parents are always welcome. The best way for you to get a feel for our School, lovely children and staff is to come and see for yourself.



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