



Wednesday 15th September 2021

Dear Parents of Reception Children,

It is wonderful to see how quickly the children have adapted to their new school routine; thank you for your support in this. Shortly you will be able to see how your child has settled into their new classroom and Reception garden in an observation on Tapestry entitled '*My First Week in Badger/Hedgehog/Fox Class*'.

Some of you may already be aware of general protocols at Barrow Hedges, particularly if you have an older child at the school. If you are new to our school, please note the following:-

Members of our local community have separately contacted the school regarding incidents of inconsiderate parking. Therefore, please do not park on yellow lines, across drives, on pavements or anywhere that could cause an obstruction to pedestrians and local properties. Yesterday, I took five complaints from local residents and parents and this takes up valuable time which I would obviously far rather spend on teaching and learning. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration to ensure that our community is safe.

As per our Home-School Agreement, children (including pre-schoolers) are not permitted to play on our large equipment in the playground outside of school hours (castle, climbing blocks etc). Please ensure that this is adhered to.

Smoking is absolutely not allowed on the school premises or near to the entrances to the school. We are all role models for our children and want to set the best example.

We used the Beans gate during the first week of term because your child started school at 9am, after the Radcliffe and Harbury gates had closed. From now on, please only enter and leave the school through the Radcliffe or Harbury gates. For safeguarding purposes, please do not use the Beans gate as this gate is not supervised by a member of staff and may inadvertently get left open.

Earrings are not permitted at school, please remove these before bringing your child to school.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school grounds.



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We know that a few children are finding separation from you at the garden gate a little difficult and the Reception staff are working hard to offer reassurance and comforting them by finding them something they love to do. As such, it is a very busy time for staff as they help all 90 children find their pegs, put water bottles away, hang up coats and help them to have a smooth start to the day. If you need to pass on a message to your child's class teacher in the morning, the best way to communicate during these busy times is to jot a note in your child's book bag, email the school office or speak to us at the end of the day if the information can wait.

Mrs Covey will send you a video via Tapestry on Monday of other general reminders and will share information with you about homework.

We very much appreciate the positive feedback we have received from some parents about how their child has settled.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

Louise Wood
Headteacher