



St Barnabas CE First and Middle School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome a new academic year at St Barnabas CE First and Middle School, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and your children. Whether this is another year with us or your first year as part of the St Barnabas CE First and Middle School community, we are delighted to have you with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share some key information with the parents and carers of children with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**.

SEND Contact Information

My email address for correspondence regarding SEND is:

reeder@st-barnabas.dowmat.education

My working days at St Barnabas CE First and Middle School are **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** each week. It is important to note that I do have a teaching commitment on some Mondays, and so responses may be affected by this. I am contactable via email on my non-SENDCo days (Thursday and Friday) however we kindly ask you to allow up to **48 hours for a response**.

If you have an urgent **safeguarding concern**, please contact St Barnabas CE First and Middle School directly and the DSL (Mrs Whetham) or one of the DDSLs will be in touch.

SEND Coffee Mornings

I am delighted to confirm that our SEND coffee mornings will continue to take place each term. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for me to share key developments regarding SEND provision, listen to your thoughts and opinions and work together to ensure that we continue to champion the needs of children with SEND at our school.

They are also a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers, enjoy a cup of tea and, of course, some cake!

The dates for this academic year are:

- **Tuesday 22nd September 2026 between 9.00- 9.30am**
- **Tuesday 26th January 2027 between 9.00- 9.30am**
- **Tuesday 4th May 2027 between 9.00- 9.30am**

Every one of you are always more than welcome so please feel free to simply come along.

SEND Parent Meetings

SEND parent meetings have also been scheduled for the following dates:

- **Monday 28th September 2026 or Tuesday 29th September 2026**
- **Monday 1 February 2027 or Tuesday 2 February 2027**

- **Monday 17th May 2027 or Tuesday 18th May 2027**

These appointments are specifically designed for parents and carers of children with SEND. They provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, look through and celebrate their work, and discuss their targets, outcomes and the ways in which we can continue to support them in making positive steps forward in both their learning and personal development. You will receive a specific date and time for your appointment via the school office. Please ensure that your **personal email address** is up to date with the school office to ensure that correspondence can reach you without issue.

Fidgets in School

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify our approach to **fidgets in school**.

Where a child has been identified as benefiting from a fidget to support their sensory and/or physical needs, the school will provide an appropriate resource. I would therefore kindly ask that **fidget toys are not sent into school from home**.

This approach helps to ensure that any fidgets used in school are appropriate for the individual child, are not distracting to others or impacting on learning, and can be effectively monitored by school staff for their purpose, intended use and outcomes.

As always, I am incredibly excited to welcome the children back and look forward to the academic year ahead. Please do come and speak to me or contact me via email if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything relating to SEND.

I wish you and your children a wonderful, happy and successful year ahead, and I look forward to working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Mrs R. Reeder

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