



Tuesday 5th September 2023

Joining together (amalgamating) Barnes Farm Infant and Junior Schools

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, the infant and junior schools here at Barnes Farm have always had a close working relationship. Our staff work well across the two schools to plan the curriculum and we make sure that pupils who move from the infants to the juniors have a very smooth transition. This has been made even more wonderful by the addition of the Jubilee Building which we both share.

We would now like to take the next step on our journey and formally join together the schools so that they become Barnes Farm Primary School – a single legal primary school that includes all of our pupils from Reception to Year 6. If we are given approval by the DfE, this decision will come into effect from September 2024.

For parents and carers, the main difference that you would notice is that you would not need to reapply for a school place for Year 3 as you do now – pupils who join in Reception would be guaranteed a place through to Year 6. Every pupil due to attend Barnes Farm Infant or Junior Schools in September 2024, including those who are offered places to Reception or Year 3 in September 2024, would automatically become pupils at Barnes Farm Primary School. Parents would not need to do anything.

We propose that Barnes Farm Primary School would 'go live' on 1st September 2024. More information about the proposal can be found on our school website. Before any decision is made, we would like to know what you think.

To find out more about why we are proposing this, what it means, and so you can share your thoughts, we are holding meetings at school for parents and carers at **9am and 2:30pm on Friday 8th September 2023**. The meeting at 9:00am will take place at the Infant School and the meeting at 2:30pm will take place at the Junior School.

You can also share your views through an online form available here: <https://forms.office.com/e/fsMv8FAXpj>

You can also write to us using the following email address: Barnes@clptrust.com. Please share your views by **Tuesday 3rd October 2023**, as we will not be able to consider any feedback given after this date.

Yours faithfully,

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