



BARNARD CASTLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 4
A GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Introduction

Welcome to Year 4 at Barnard Castle Prep School. A new year offers new opportunities and I hope you are looking forward to having a busy and enjoyable time.

There will be plenty to do both in and out of the classroom as well as new trips to go on and new friends to make.

In this booklet there is some information to help guide you along the way. However, please do not hesitate to ask any of the teachers for any help that you may need.

Have a great time.

Laura Turner
Headmistress



Class Teacher

Your Class Teachers will teach you most of the time. Although, you will have different teachers for some lessons each week. If there is anything you are not sure about or if you have any questions or problems, please talk to your class teacher who will be able to help you. You will see your class teacher each morning, after lunch break and also for class time at the end of each day. Any children who are new to the School will be assigned a 'buddy' to help them to find their way around and get to know people.

When you join Year 4 we will work with you to develop your independence in all areas of School life. In this way you will be asked to work together across the year group to answer the questions that are set by both us as teachers, and you as pupils. We encourage you to carry out daily tasks independently and take responsibility for your learning. This is a journey that we will take together and we will help you respond to failures along the way.

Outside of the classroom we expect you to try new things and take risks. We would like you to not rely upon your parents to keep you and your belongings organised, for example, coming up the path to the classroom, remembering everything you need, packing your own bag, knowing what your prep is and speaking to the teachers when you have any concerns.

No one is perfect and we know that we will all make mistakes. In Year 4 we embrace mistakes as learning opportunities to help us to thrive and have fun.

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Homework

In Year 4 you will get homework most evenings. This helps you to remember work covered in class and also extends your learning. You should be able to complete the homework independently. We also expect everyone to read at home regularly – ideally for at least 10 minutes every day.

If you find a task difficult, please do as much as you can and leave the rest. Talk to your class teacher about it the next day and ask your parent or house parent to put a note in your Prep Diary. Do not worry if this happens; sometimes tasks that seem easy in class may appear more difficult when you get home.



Prep Diaries

These are really important for organising your busy Year 4 life! Each day you should write any homework tasks, special events or music lessons in your diary. Your class teacher may also write notes in there for you and your parents, and your parents can write their own questions or comments in too. Don't forget to show your class teacher if your parents have written a note in your diary.

Prep Diaries should be signed by parents every night and every weekend and then handed in to your class teacher every Monday morning. A well-kept Prep Diary is a really easy way to earn merits for your House.

Merits

You will already know which House you belong to.

Drake
Gilbert
Grenville
Raleigh



You earn merits for your House through hard work and by following The Barney Way. The merits are added up at the end of each term and the Merit Shield is awarded to the House with the most merits.

A demerit may be given for thoughtless behaviour, which means that one point is taken away from your House's points. You can earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Merit Certificates by gaining merits each term.

Something on your mind?

If you are worried or upset, you can talk to:-

- **Any of your teachers**
- **Mrs Morse, the School Nurse or the School Counsellor**
- **Your parents or your friends**
- **School's Independent Listener, call 07817 484818**
- **ChildLine, call 0800 11 11**
- **Peer Support at The Wellbeing Room**

If you are concerned, speak to your class teacher, the Deputy Head or the Headmistress or any member of the Junior Boarding staff for boarders.

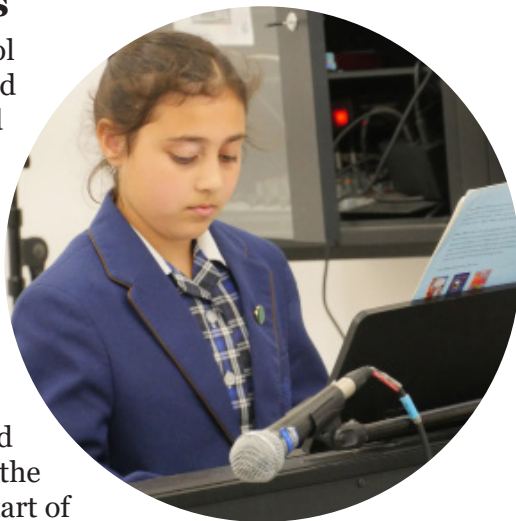
Outdoor Education

Every week we have time in our allotment. We go out in all weathers and develop our subject skills outside, whilst also maintaining our garden and looking after the chickens.

After School Activities

Activities take place in the School day at break time, lunch time and after School. These are delivered by staff, as well as external teachers and coaches. A booklet which contains all the information about activities will be emailed to your parents before the start of each term. You should chat to your parents about which clubs you would like to sign up for, and your parents will then complete the online form for you before the start of term.

Once you have started an activity, you are expected to attend every week until the end of term and to give your apologies to the member of staff running the club if you cannot attend.



Trips and Residential

In Year 4, we have the opportunity to go on many trips relating to what we are learning in the classroom. You will be given the opportunity to go on a three-day trip to Robinwood with a sleepover to help prepare you for some of the bigger trips in Year 5 & 6.



Sports Fixtures

If you are selected to play in a team, your name will appear on a team sheet, displayed on the sports noticeboard outside the Atkinson Hall, with all the details of the match and the kit you will need. These details can also be found on the SchoolSports website. You will need to write all the details in your Prep Diary for your parents and remember to be organised on the day.



Uniform

Your appearance is very important and you should always be dressed smartly in the correct uniform. Hair must be hair tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. Short hair should be brushed and neat. Your school shoes should be black or navy and you are responsible for ensuring they are polished every day.

It is anticipated that you will have two days of PE and Games a week and should come to School in your PE kit on these days, and your School Uniform on the other three days. You will also go swimming every week using the Senior School pool.

On occasion, items of uniform can get mixed up or misplaced, therefore please ***ensure that all items are clearly labelled.***





Equipment for Year 4

Everyday items

You will need a named pencil case containing the following equipment: a pencil, ruler, a highlighter pen, rubber and pencil sharpener, coloured pencils, scissors and Pritt stick.

Swimming

Towel, navy swimming costume or navy swimming trunks, white swimming cap (girls) and goggles.

PE*

School crested PE shorts (for boys), school crested Games skort or lycras (for girls), House T-shirt, short white socks, indoor and outdoor trainers, School tracksuit.

****Please see PlayerLayer uniform lists.***

Games*


Towel, school rugby/hockey shirt, navy rugby shorts/skort, school Games socks, school tracksuit, cricket whites (for boys), football/rugby boots (for boys - kite marked studs), outdoor trainers (for girls), indoor trainers for wet weather, mouthguard, shin pads.

You will need either the rucksack or holdall available from PlayerLayer to carry your kit in.

Outdoor Education

Wellingtons, all in one overalls, gloves, hat and scarf.

WELLBEING

A photograph of five young children in school uniforms walking along a path. From left to right: a boy in a blue sweater and dark skirt, and four girls in blue sweaters and plaid skirts. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a path. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Prep School is a happy place and we help to keep it that way by taking care of our wellbeing regularly. During class time in the morning, after lunch and at the end of lessons, you will spend time with your class teacher following a structured *Wellbeing Programme*, which includes yoga stretches, breathing, listening to a story or simply colouring and reading silently. Because we like to be very busy at Prep School, it is important that we all take the time to breathe, reset and ask ourselves how we are feeling.

A BARNEY EDUCATION

At Prep School we help children develop skills that we feel they will need most as they continue their journey through Barney and beyond. We use the terms **Feel**, **Be**, **Share** and **Go**, and develop the following values as children progress through the School through the Prep School Superheroes.

			
FEEL	BE	SHARE	GO
<i>How you feel within</i>	<i>Who you are & how you behave</i>	<i>How you interact with people</i>	<i>How you learn and make progress</i>
Gratitude Courage Resilience	Humility Integrity Humour	Compassion Service Leadership	Curiosity Endeavour Creativity





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The Barney Way



Be Kind
Be Polite
Be Smart
Be Organised
Be Respectful

BEBE

says...

*'Remember to always
follow the Barney Way'*