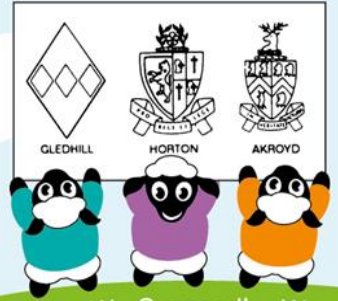


BARKISLAND
Church of England (VA)
Primary School



We Believe, We Nurture, We Succeed! We Believe, We Nurture, We Succeed! We Believe, We Nurture, We Succeed! We Believe,



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Dear Parent,

As the Diocesan Bishop of Leeds I am delighted to welcome your child to this church school, within the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

Education is at the heart of the church's mission and I am confident that at this church school your child will enjoy a high quality education within a distinctive Christian context. Our schools reflect the inclusive nature of the love of God by reflecting and celebrating the diversity of the communities within which they are located and establishing values and behaviours rooted in faith.

I am proud of the church's historic commitment to provide schools for local families within local communities. The distinctive and inclusive ethos of this school will create a firm foundation which will prepare your child both educationally and personally for their journey into adult life.

I share my interest in, and commitment to, the life of this church school with your local Area Bishop whom I am sure will become a familiar face to you and your child within the school community.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your child at this exciting time of your family's life. May God bless you and your family.

The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines
Bishop of Leeds



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Welcome!

Barkisland is a Church of England Primary School with close links with Christ Church, our Parish Church. We are proud of our distinctive Christian character which is embedded in all that we do. Our school vision: We believe, we nurture, we succeed is borne out through daily life. The school places an importance on community involvement and we actively encourage and thoroughly enjoy taking part in many events within the local community.

At Barkisland we believe that children thrive in an environment where they are happy, secure, challenged and supported. Our highly dedicated staff team are fully committed to providing every child with an exciting and stimulating education in order for them to reach their full potential. We have extremely high expectations in all aspects of school life where we foster excellent relationships between each other that are built upon mutual respect.

The children at Barkisland Primary are taught in single aged classes. We have seven classes from Reception year to Year 6. We also have a Nursery provision which is based within our EYFS unit comprising of Nursery and Reception aged pupils. Our Kids Club provides wrap around childcare before and after school and we also run a successful holiday club.

During our last OFSTED inspection we were judged to be a Good school and an Outstanding Church school in our Church Schools Inspection (SIAMS).

Our aim is to equip our children with the skills and knowledge necessary for their future lives. I look forward to working with you, your children and the community to make our aim a reality.

Barkisland is a very special place to work, learn and grow! I hope that this prospectus gives you a sense of just that.

If you are a prospective parent, please telephone the school to make an appointment to see the school in action!

Mrs Becky Schofield



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Our Vision

WE BELIEVE,
WE NURTURE,
WE SUCCEED



*May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans
succeed Psalm 20:4*

Barkisland CE VA Primary School was first set up in 1657, following the will of Sarah Gledhill which stated:

'...to give and bequeath the sum of two hundred pounds current English money unto the use of a school master, for teaching such poor children of the township of Barkisland, whose parents are, or shall not be able, to bring them up in learning...'

Over three hundred years later, we are still committed to provide excellent education opportunities for the children in our community. This is driven by our vision – we believe, we nurture, we succeed.

Belief is the key to unlock a multitude of opportunities. At Barkisland CE VA Primary School, we empower our community to believe in themselves and others through Christian teaching and values. Throughout our curriculum, we provide opportunities for children to realise their potential and approach challenges and setbacks with increasing resilience to equip them to be effective world citizens of the 21st century.

Just as God fed his flock, we will feed our Barkisland family with the knowledge, understanding, skills and resilience in which to succeed throughout their journey with us and beyond. As a whole school community, we will hold our children close to our hearts enshrined in love, whilst nurturing them in a truly inclusive environment.

Just as God called those who worship to prosper, see opportunity and be glorious, at Barkisland CE VA Primary School, we actively praise and nurture our children to have the inner belief to succeed. We strive to inspire everyone to dare to dream to reach all that they desire. Success is celebrated at all levels: children, staff, families and the community. We encourage for our school to be a community and to not only succeed for themselves, but for the greater good of others.

We continue to 'bring them up in learning'.

Our Core Values

Our core values support our school vision, helping to shape the way in which we grow, learn and conduct ourselves in school. Daily collective worship is based on our core values focussing on themes to support our learning.

You may notice that they spell out our school name!



The School Day

*The school day begins at 8.55am.
However, pupils can enter school from
8.45am.*

Morning Sessions

8.55am - 9.00am	Registration & Blast
9.05am - 9.30am	Collective Worship
9.30am - 10.30am	Teaching Time
10.30am - 10.45am	Break—KS1 & LKS1
11.00am - 11.15am	Break—UKS2
10.45am - 12.00noon	Teaching time KS1
10.45am - 12.20pm	Teaching time KS2



LUNCH 12.00/12.20pm — 1.20pm



Afternoon Sessions

1.00/1.20pm — 3.30pm

Teaching time



Lunchtime Arrangements



Children may bring either a packed lunch or have a school meal.

The majority of children opt for our own popular school meals service, which is cooked daily on the premises by our own cook in our on-site kitchen. The school meals system operates on a two week cycle and menus are sent home prior to each cycle. This then enables the children themselves to choose, in advance, what they would like to eat, under (of course!) parental guidance. The cost of each school meal is £2.50 per day. Children in Reception and Nursery eat their lunch within their unit space.

Free School Meals

As part of the Universal Free School Meals initiative, all KS1 and Reception aged children are able to receive free school lunches. Free School Meals may be available for school children of parents or guardians who receive one of the following:

- **Universal Credit** - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.
- **Income Support.**
- **Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).**
- **Employment and Support Allowance.**
- **Child Tax Credit.** (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)
- **Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.**
- **Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.**



Healthy Lifestyles

Children are actively encouraged to make healthy lifestyle choices. We support this through our PE and PSHCE curriculum. Our KS1 pupils benefit from access to a free piece of fruit each day. KS2 children are free to bring in a healthy snack to eat at morning break times. We have a fabulous running track which enables us to take part in the Daily Mile.

Every child is issued with a water bottle when they start with us in Reception. These bottles are filled with water at home and brought into school each day.

Children have free access to water throughout the school day.

We also use 'Cool Milk' for our supplies of milk for children. School milk is free for all under-fives and is subsidised for pupils aged five or older, at around £15 a term. To register visit www.coolmilk.com



School Uniform

The school expects all children to adhere to our school uniform.

The uniform comprises: of:

- Grey trousers or skirt (of an appropriate length) or pinafore, navy sweatshirt or cardigan and pale blue shirt/polo shirt. Grey shorts may be worn in the summer months.
- A dark or light blue school dress may be worn in the summer term and early September.

Navy blue sweatshirts /cardigans and pale blue polo shirts, embroidered with the school coat of arms may be ordered from school. Plain polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans can also be worn as part of the school uniform.

Nursery children are encouraged to wear the top half of our uniform i.e. blue polo and navy jumper/cardigan with dark coloured joggers / leggings.

Children should wear sensible flat shoes in black, trainers are not permitted. Boots may be worn during winter months and must be dark in colour.

PE Kit

For health, hygiene and safety reasons, children come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE days. For any extra-curricular activities which require a PE kit, children bring kit from home on the required day.

Indoor PE; children should wear navy blue or black shorts and a pale blue T-shirt, available from the school, and plimsolls.



Outdoor games; children should wear navy blue or black shorts, pale blue T-shirt and trainers.

- School hoodies are also available for outdoor PE and are available to buy on School Money
- *In colder weather, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms in black or blue are advisable.*

Please Note:

- If hair is long enough it must be tied back. Any hair accessories must be in line with the school colours and kept to a minimum.
- Stud earrings only may be worn for school, no other jewellery, although a watch is permitted. This is to ensure the safety of all children.
- Nail varnish is not permitted to be worn in school.
- Earrings, must be removed by the child before PE lessons. (For Health and Safety reasons adults are not permitted to remove earrings from children.)

All uniform items MUST be clearly labelled.



Behaviour

We aim to create a caring, Christian community where relationships are positive and supportive. Within this atmosphere, children are able to develop confidence, self respect and respect for others. We encourage all children to show consideration for others, and rules exist for the safety and well being of everyone. Good behaviour / effort / work and politeness is rewarded during Friday morning assemblies. Merit certificates and house points are presented to children, nominated by their class teachers. A behaviour and anti-bullying policy has been adopted following discussions with children, staff, parents and governors. Sanctions are

applied fairly and firmly, when necessary, in line with both policies.

Parental Support

Parental support and encouragement is vital in order for children to excel. At Barkisland, parental support is excellent; we work well with our families in order to promote this. Supporting children at home with homework tasks such as reading and projects is expected.

We welcome any support in school from adults, please speak to a member of staff if you can help in anyway. Parents are also welcomed into school regularly to share successes, for information sessions and to join in with various events.



Pupil Voice

At Barkisland, we believe that everyone's voice is important and should be heard.

All children belong to our school council. Regular themes are explored in class and children with strong ideas or a desire to support work around a particular theme form a working party to implement positive changes to the school and the community.

Children can also apply for many different roles in school.. Learning Detectives will work with staff to monitor different subject areas to

identify positive aspects and suggest improvements. Worship Leaders support daily Collective Worship, support evaluations and lead worship regularly.

Befrienders and playleaders are trained to support effective playtimes by facilitating play and games for children.

Barkisland School Association (BSA)

Our BSA is an important group of people who work together to organise events to raise additional funds for the school. The funds are spent on a wide variety of things e.g. coaches for school trips, extra resources in school, Christmas and Easter gifts. They have recently support the school in purchasing new reading books and outdoor equipment for the Early Years. Thank you!



Regular events include discos, summer fares, magic evenings, Balls and many more. The team meet usually about once every half term, and new members are always welcome (even if you cannot commit to attending every meeting).

Extra—curricular activities

A range of activities are offered to children during the school year and will vary from year to year and term to term. Many of our staff run extra curricular clubs and we also use some outside agencies to provide more specialist coaching in areas. Clubs run in the past include:

Football, Netball, Arts and Craft, Reading, Athletics, Multi Skills, Cross Country, French and Chess to name a few.



We run a residential course for our Year 6 children annually, where outdoor and adventurous activities are offered. These include canoeing, caving, archery and orienteering. The residential visit is always keenly anticipated by the children and consistently proves to be invaluable to the personal and social development of our pupils. We also run a shorter residential for our Year 5 pupils.

Our Year 4 children participate in swimming lessons weekly for the entire academic year.

We offer a wide range of musical tuition in school from Brass to Strings, Guitar to Piano. Music is a key area which we offer children the opportunities to develop their musical knowledge, skill and application.

Y3 - learn to play recorders and read music.

Y4 - Brass

Y5 and Y6 - learn to play the Ukulele with a focus on composition.



Out of School Care —Kids Club

The Barkisland Kids Club offers child care facilities both before and after school in the old school hall and is a very popular club.

Morning sessions run from 7.30am to 8.45 am and evening sessions from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm.

The Club is also open during school holidays between 8am and 6pm. Further information can be obtained from the school office.

Children enjoy attending our Kids Club where they have the opportunity to play with a wide range of resources.



Christian Ethos

Children take part in a daily act of worship. This involves the whole school on each day, with a special 'Merit Assembly' every Friday morning, to which parents and relatives are very welcome.

Worship follows themes which are planned annually in discussion with the Church and support our core values.

The assembly themes are at the centre of our religious and moral education, and reflect our Church of England school status. However, we prepare children for life in a multi-cultural society and some of our themes will explore other faiths often attending other places of worship as well as our local Christian Church.

We respect the right of any parents who wish to withdraw their children from collective worship.



We welcome members of the Clergy into school to lead Collective Worship on a regular basis. We also attend services each term in Christ Church.

Our Curriculum

We teach following the National Curriculum and the Diocesan Syllabus for Religious Education. We enrich this by inviting visitors into school and planning for visits outside of school also. Our highly skilled staff team carefully plan exciting and fun lessons which enable all of our children to learn and progress to reach their full potential.

Expectations of all of our children are extremely high and we encourage them to excel in all that they encounter at school—this includes academic success but focuses on all aspects of the curriculum; including social and spiritual development.

We regularly take part in various sporting competitions and our trophy unit is growing rapidly, of which we are extremely proud of. All of our children have the opportunity to take part in cookery lessons across the course of the year. These sessions are taught by our fabulous school cook and children will make delicious items such as chicken goujons, carrot cake, spinach and ricotta bread and quiche.



Barkisland 'Little Lambs' Nursery Provision



This provision runs within our Early Years Unit. We have capacity for 24 Nursery aged children and we can admit children the term following their third birthday. Parents/Carers are able to use their free 15/30 hours free entitlement at our Nursery provision.



We are also able to offer wrap around care from 7.30am until 6.00pm during term time. During holiday periods, we can offer childcare for our Nursery pupils from 8.00am until 6pm.

For any additional information regarding this provision, please contact the school office.

Inclusivity

Barkisland is an inclusive school, in which the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well being of every young person matters. We recognise that every child has individual learning needs and we work hard to ensure that our curriculum caters for this. The school is supported by other professionals and outside agencies.

Any pupil identified as having Special Educational Needs which receive tailored learning and provision relevant to their individual needs. This is managed in school by class teachers, supported by our Inclusion Manager.



Absences From School

Regular attendance at school is crucial to children's learning.

If your child is ill and is unable to attend school, parents need to contact school in the morning to notify us of this. If we do not hear by 9.30am, the office staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. If we are unable to contact you, we will contact the emergency contacts we hold for your child. If contact still can not be made, we may conduct a home visit.

We expect routine medical appointments to be made outside of the school day. Although we understand that some medical appointments may have to be attended during the school day; if this is the case, a form can be found on

our website where the reason for absence can be detailed and sent into the school office, along with a copy of the appointment letter/card.



The headteacher is not able to authorise any term time absence for family holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form requesting absence can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office. All requests for absence must be made as far in advance as possible and by completing the relevant paperwork.

Attendance letters are sent home every half term if a child's attendance has fallen below 95%.

Charging Policy

In order to enrich our curriculum further, children will have to opportunity to take part in class visits and trips or invite special visitors into school. We may ask for contributions towards the cost of special events. The contributions will cover the costs involved and no profits are made. We will never prevent any child from taking part in any of these activities but we do reserve the right to cancel if not enough contributions are raised to cover the costs.



Queries, Concerns and Complaints

Families and school working together are key to a child's happy and successful time at school. However, there may be times when you have concerns about particular aspects of school life. Your child's class teacher is usually your first point of contact. If the concern needs to be discussed further, then an appointment to see the Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher can be made. We would always recommend parents talk with school first, as often, issues can be resolved quickly this way.

More information can be found in our Communications Policy, which can be found on our website.

If needed, our complaints policy and ways to communicate with school can be found on our website or by asking the school office for a copy.



Sending Your Child To Our School

Starting school is one of the most important milestones in a child's life and it is important that the right school is chosen for your child.

If your child is due to start school, appointments can be made through the school office to meet with the Headteacher and have a tour of our school. These appointments can be made from October to December the year before your child is due to begin school. If you are looking to move your child from another school, please contact the school office to make an appointment to look around.



Any applications need to be made via Calderdale Council's Admissions Team.

We do not hold special open days - we like prospective parents to see the school in action on a 'typical' day!

These appointments are for parents to view the school and ask the Headteacher any questions; it is not usually appropriate for children to attend as this can be daunting.

Children will get opportunities to visit their school once a place has been allocated.

Our Admission Policy should be read carefully upon making an application. This can be found on our website.

Once a place has been allocated at school, we will invite parents to an information evening to explain everything that you and your child will need to know before they begin. Children will be able to visit their new class and teacher before September. These events happen in June and July.

Children will then start school full time in September!



The Governing Body

As a Church of England Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is responsible for the overall management of the school. They delegate the day to day running of the school to the Headteacher.



We have 14 Governors on our Governing Body, made up as follows:

8 Foundation Governors, including 1 Ex-Officio Governor (the Parish Vicar),
1 Local Authority Governor,
The Headteacher,
2 Parent Governor,
1 Teaching Staff Governor
And 1 co-opted Governor



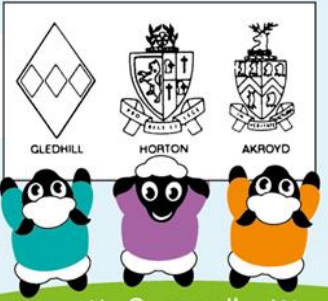
The Governors may be contacted via either the Chair or the Clerk by contacting the School Office on 01422 823324.





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