

Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre: booklet of our services



What is Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre, and how can it help you?

Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre is an integrated Primary School and Children's Centre with a baby unit.

Karin Wales, Headteacher of Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre says: "Our Children's Centre within our school ensures we are more than just a school. A Children's Centre caters for an entire neighbourhood and beyond! Children and families from other schools and neighbourhoods are welcomed to extended school activities and all the opportunities available. This ensures a lovely mix of families and the opportunity for these families to access a huge range of services in a convenient location.

The hub

The school has become the 'hub' of the community and provides facilities in a safe, secure, caring and attractive environment. "We listen to comments, we evaluate services and we try to provide what is wanted and what is needed. We want to move forward and develop further services and ensure our families feel that they are part of the process and a huge part of the success. Children's Centres success are the responsibility of all and with the added bonus of being within a school we can give continuous and consistent high quality care and facilities."

'Wrap around care'

The school provides 'wrap around care' for all of the children, and this includes day care (51 weeks a year 8am to 5.30pm), breakfast, after school club and holiday provision.

The school's hours are from 8am to until 5.15pm. The holiday club, which is open full-time all year (exc Christmas), has some places available for other children within the community. These places are taken up by our neighbouring Primary and Middle School, as well as other schools across the island.

In all, the holiday club supports children from 11 schools.

Club opening times

Breakfast Club

8am to 8.45am

School

8.45am to 2.50pm

After School Club

2.50pm to 5.15pm

Holiday Club

8am to 1pm then 1pm to 5.30pm

For more information

For information on any of the above please contact Alison Dickson, Childcare Co-ordinator, on 01983 522469

What does Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre offer?

Full Day Care

8am-5.30pm - 51 weeks per year with highly qualified staff.

Maintained Nursery

Term Time 8am to 5.15pm (includes wraparound care) with highly qualified staff plus a qualified teacher.

Speech and Language Therapy

Help for children who have difficulty communicating. The Centre holds a speech and language session within the toddler session 'Tiny Talkers', which is to help reduce the number of speech and language difficulties within children... and is used as a preventative service to prevent speech and language problems occurring.

Ante-Natal on Site

Support and advice for pregnant woman. Ante-Natal clinic is held on a Wednesday afternoon with the Midwife for check ups etc... this is a drop in service, or appointments can be made.

This is an extremely valuable service as some expectant mums find it difficult to get to the hospital or doctors surgeries, and - with this clinic service at the Children's Centre - they can drop in before picking up older siblings from school...or walk to the Centre as it's easily within walking distance!

Parent/Toddler Groups

Toddler sessions are held on a Monday afternoon 1.15pm to 2.45pm ready for

the older children's school pick up, and on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 10.30am.

The sessions are run by the Family Liaison Officer (Charmain Armiger) who can also offer Family support, and the Day Care Manager (Paula Cooley).

On Wednesday sessions we have the Health Visitor on site for baby weighing, yearly checks or just for a chat to answer and help with any general concerns you may have.

Weekly Health Visitor on Site

The Health Visitors weigh babies and answer questions relating to inoculations, development and any small worries that a parent may have. We also have antenatal clinic once a week. See back page for more information on what a Health Visitor does.



"They do cricket, football, rugby and athletics, and Adam really loves country dancing. Obviously I want my children to have a good education, but I also want them to be happy at school, and that is definitely the case... I really can't fault anything about Barton Primary." *Terri and Matthew Hatch live in Newport with their five sons, who range in age from 11 to two.*

What does Barton Primary School

Childminding Network Meetings

A chance for Childminders to meet each other and plan activities together. The Childminding Network is held on the first Tuesday of each month to give childminders the opportunity to meet other Childminders and have a chat... and also for the children to socialise with other children and have fun. There is always plenty for all to do including practical activities and fun play sessions.

Childminder Ofsted Surgery Meetings

Childminders have to be checked by Ofsted to make sure they are covering the Foundation Stage Curriculum. This session is led by Gill Pink who talks about rules and regulations and ensures they are complying with Foundation Stage guidelines.

Music for Babies/Rhythm time

Musical fun and learning. Music for babies/Rhythm Time is held in our studio for children and parents/carers to make a lot of noise and have great fun! This is held on a Wednesday from 10am to 10.30am, giving all who attend the toddler session on this day the opportunity to join if they so wish.

Dad's Groups

We hold groups for dads which have included a 'Lads and Lasses' day held at an adventure centre through PGL which included abseiling, snorkelling, orienteering and aeroball. This gave an opportunity for children to spend time with their dads and also for dads to socialise with other dad's.

We also held a 'Healthy Cooking with Dads on a Budget' course. This gave children and dads an opportunity to cook a healthy meal on a budget together, and then invite the rest of the family in to eat with them. This included preparing the meal, laying the table and dishing up the food. It gave an opportunity for the whole family to sit at a table and eat together...which may sometimes be difficult to achieve due to work commitments etc.

Adult Learning Facilities

Opportunities for families to not only learn how to support their own child with their learning-in literacy, numeracy and ICT... but to also get qualifications for themselves.

Mini Bus

Mini bus for use by the Community and shared cost with local cluster schools.

and Early Years Centre offer?

Coffee Mornings

Regular coffee mornings with the Family Liaison Officer and Headteacher. Headteacher Karin Wales says: "It is an informal setting where I update parents on latest developments in the school and answer any worries. It's a comfortable setting where parents feel confident to speak up".

For more information

For information on any of the above please contact Charmain Armiger, Family Liaison Officer, on 01983 522469.

The Opportunity Group

is a group held for parents with children of special needs. This is a popular group held on a Thurs morning from 10 am to 12pm. The Toy Library is also available for children with special needs.

Deidre and David Charleston have three children, Amy, four and two-year-old twins Cameron and Liam. Diedre says: "Amy has Downs syndrome, and for that reason I was really interested when I heard about the Toy Library held at the Centre. It is specifically equipped for children with special needs."

"We'd bought Amy a tricycle, but she didn't get on with it very well and it was only by going to the Toy Library, where she was able to try out several different ones, that we found one which suited her much better.

"...we have found it very comforting to be able to share information and to support each other at the Toy Library. It's a really friendly place to be... we stay and chat, and play with the children whilst we are there"



"I feel very much at home here, and am so glad that we have had such a welcome and so much help, and I believe that it's largely due to Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre that our whole family has settled so well, so far from home."

Susi Pattiata and her family moved to the UK three years ago from their native Indonesia.

Timetable of events at

	AM
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	10AM TO 12PM <i>COMMUNITY ROOM (FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH)</i> CHILDMINDER DROP IN SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY	9AM TO 10.30AM <i>COMMUNITY ROOM (WITH THE HEALTH VISITOR)</i> PARENT/CARER TODDLER GROUP 10AM TO 10.30AM <i>THE STUDIO</i> RHYTHM TIME
THURSDAY	9.30AM TO 12PM <i>COMMUNITY ROOM</i> OPPORTUNITY GROUP/ TOY LIBRARY
FRIDAY	

Barton Children's Centre

PM

1.15PM TO 2.45PM *COMMUNITY ROOM*
PARENT/CARER TODDLER GROUP

1PM TO 3PM *COMMUNITY ROOM* FAMILY LEARNING
6.30PM TO 7.30PM AEROBICS CLASSES

1PM TO 3PM *THE PARENT'S ROOM* ANTE-NATAL CLINIC
7PM TO 8PM BELLY DANCING CLASSES



"I try to introduce as much variety as possible, and this is part of the reason we go to Sunny Smiles Mother and Toddler Group at Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre. There's loads for them to do and something for children of every pre-school age, including the babies. For myself, it's a chance to chat with other mums... it really is a wonderful facility!" *Carole and Paul Saunders live in Newport with their children...and Carole is a registered Childminder.*

What does a Health Visitor do?

Ali Doran is a Health Visitor with the local NHS Primary Care Trust and is currently running a Drop-in Advisory Clinic at Barton Primary School and Early Years Centre.

Everyone welcome

The Children's Centre at Barton Primary runs two weekly Mother and Toddler Groups, and it is at one of these that Ali Doran holds her clinic, providing health and general childcare advice for parents of young children. The clinic facility is for all local families, whether or not their children attend the school.

On the spot

"The advantage of holding the clinic at Barton is that it's so much more accessible for parents, who may not think it is worth making an appointment with their GP for a relatively minor problem. I regularly see people who want a bit of advice on feeding, sleeping or tantrums, for example, and because I'm on the spot at the Toddler Group, it's easy for parents to come over for an informal chat."

Specialist support

"Even if the issue is more specialised, such as hearing or speech development, I can help them to find out exactly where to go and make arrangements for them to get the support they need."



Ali helping a dad



A young mum who Ali helps at the Centre



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