



Our School's Theologically Rooted Christian Vision is based on Matthew 7 vs 12

'Do to others as you would want them to do to you'

Our vision is taken from Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you", following Jesus' example. We work together to help and support each other to believe, nurture, grow and flourish together in our learning and in our relationships, exemplified in the Parable of the Sower. We do this through our six core values: love, respect, integrity, justice, thankfulness and determination. Inspired by our vision, we want our pupils to make good choices academically and socially, to become creative and independent thinkers, evidencing a love for learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We aspire to promote the skills needed to persevere with learning challenges and the curiosity to enquire further. Our Christian ethos and school values focus on developing children's moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding. These are woven, like a golden thread, into every aspect of school life.

Dear Parents and Friends,

We take safeguarding extremely seriously at Barton Primary School and are committed to ensuring the welfare of all of our children and young people.

Our safeguarding culture at Barton Primary School embeds child safety into everyday life, through visible leadership, constant vigilance and a shared commitment from all stakeholders. We continuously review our procedures to ensure that they are working effectively, and our governors also monitor safeguarding practices during their regular visits to school. Governors receive an annual safeguarding report from the DSL, and the LA carry out a safeguarding audit every two years (last completed 2025).

In line with our Barton Bs and Christian ethos of the school, we ensure that pupil voice is heard, that we are compliant with staff training and value a strong working partnership with parents and families. A positive culture ensures children feel safe, listened to and that they learn how to protect and look after themselves.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs. Martin and Ms. Bartlett is the Deputy DSL. If you have a concern about a child or wish to raise any other safeguarding issue, please contact head@barton.cambs.sch.uk or wbartlett@barton.cambs.sch.uk

In our last Ofsted report (23rd April 2025), inspectors made the following observation:

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

■ To evaluate the effectiveness of safeguarding, the inspectors: reviewed the single central record; took account of the views of leaders, staff and pupils; and considered the extent to which the school has created an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts pupils' interests first.

In order to ensure that our procedures at the beginning and end of the day are as robust as possible, we have recently made some changes to our "Collecting Children from School Policy", and would like to clarify the following points:

- The school gates will be unlocked at 8.45am every morning. A member of staff will be on duty at the New Road and School Lane entrances to welcome children and families, and ensure that no child leaves the playground unaccompanied.
- Robin Class children should go straight into the classroom where Mrs. Hedges and her team will be waiting.
- All other teachers will come onto the playground for 8.50am.
- The bell for the start of the day will be rung at 8.50am. Children will line up in their classes, at which point teachers will be responsible for their class.
- Until children are lined up and waiting with their class teacher, we would ask that parents remember that they are responsible for their children and not members of staff.
- With parents' permission, UKS2 children may come to school unaccompanied. Staff will be as vigilant as possible, but as noted above are not responsible for children until the bell has rung.

At the end of the school day:

- Robin Class children are to be collected from the outdoor area by Robin Class unless they are going to Stepping Stones or another after-school activity. Mrs. Hedges/Mrs. McNeil will release one child at a time from the classroom into the care of their parent/carer.



- The procedure for Kingfisher Class is the same as for Robin Class, with children being collected from the playground door to their classroom.
- Children in Robin, Kingfisher and Swallow Class who are going to Stepping Stones wraparound care, will be collected from the classrooms by the Stepping Stones Leaders, Mrs Marrington and Mrs Goddard. They will assemble in the library area. Children in Owl and Skylark will make their own way to the library area where all children are registered and escorted to the Village Hall.
- When children are released from school into the care of their parent/ carer, Stepping Stones staff or an after-school club, they are then the responsibility of the adult who is with them. School staff will not be on the school gates at the end of the day but will remain vigilant until all families have left the school site.

After-school activities:

- To collect your children from an after-school club, please continue to come to the main entrance on School Lane where the club leader will wait with the children.
- If the club takes place on the playground/playing field (Netball/Rugby), please go directly onto the playground to collect your child, closing the playground gate behind you.

Changes to pick-up arrangements:

- **Please can we remind all parents to notify the school office as early as possible if there are any changes in collection arrangements as we are still experiencing issues with parents forgetting to inform us.**
- **Please note that this also includes changes to arrangements for going to Stepping Stones after school. If you would like to pick your child up from school and they are due to attend Stepping Stones, please ensure that you contact the school office.**

Finally, we will be sending a form to all parents asking for confirmation of who is authorised to pick up your child/children at the end of the day. We would be most grateful if you could return this form to the school office before the end of term.



Safeguarding

At Barton Church of England (VA) Primary, we take our Safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. This means that we ensure that everyone working in our school has successfully completed the necessary clearances to enable them to work with children. All our staff receive mandatory annual training and are committed to safeguarding children and young people at risk of harm.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Julie Martin, Headteacher. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Wendy Bartlett, School Business Manager. Our Safeguarding Team has additional training in child protection and safeguarding.

Our Safeguarding Governor is Katie Norman.

Please contact us if you are:

- Concerned that a child may be suffering physical, sexual, emotional abuse or being neglected.
- A parent or carer and you feel you are harming your child or close to doing so.
- You are worried about the mental health and wellbeing of a child, young person or parent or carer.

For further information, please visit our website:

<https://www.bartonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=43>

Safeguarding at Barton CofE (VA) Primary School

Mrs. Julie Martin and Ms. Wendy Bartlett are the designated safeguarding leads at Barton CofE Primary School.

If you have a concern about a child, please inform any member of staff. If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

