



*Learning for Life*

## Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Templefields Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents

### CHANGES TAKING PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

We are writing to give advance notice of a number of changes that will be taking place from 1 September 2023 within the school.

#### School Meals

Due to rising costs with food prices and fuel charges, our school meals will be charged at £2.45 per day (£12.25 per week).

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases, we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. Please use the following link to apply:

[Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see <https://www.fandbharlow.uk/page/?title=GDPR&pid=217> or call the number below if you are unable to access the internet.

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### PE Kits

Following a trial with Year 3 wearing their PE kits to school on days when this is scheduled, this will be the new format for the whole school from 1 September 2023.

PE days will be taking place on Mondays and Fridays each week and children should come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Please ensure your child also has a outside coat to wear for when the weather changes.

A school logoed navy-blue tracksuit is available to purchase from Top Form.

Children will no longer wear a house colour T-shirt. Instead, the PE top will now be a white polo as in our current school uniform. We understand that some children may not have outgrown their current PE top, therefore this process will be staggered over the next two years.

### Exercise books

To help with our budgeting costs, some of the children's exercise books will be going up to their new class in September to continue with. Therefore, some exercise books will not be sent home at the end of this academic year.

### Attendance

To follow the Government's White Paper, our Attendance Policy has been updated to reflect the new start times for the school day. Our gates will therefore be open from 8:40 – 8:45 am each day. Anyone arriving after this time will be recorded as late. Collection times will remain at 3:15 pm. Please find the updated policy attached.

Yours sincerely

Sue Spearman  
Headteacher