



17th January 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This month we have the theme of Keeping Safe for our assemblies. This will cover how children can keep themselves safe in different areas of their life, as well as, the role of adults in keeping them safe. This week we have been using our school rules to support children in their understanding of their own responsibility in making good choices to keep themselves and their friends safe at school.

Our School Rules

- Make good choices
- Be safe
- Be ready to learn



Whilst talking with some year 1 and 2 children on the playground earlier this week, I was concerned to hear about the number of children who are playing Fortnite online. This online game has an age rating of 12, so is not considered appropriate for children at infant school age. If your child is playing Fortnite, I would encourage you to read this blog, which outlines the game and the potential dangers for children who are playing. [What do I need to know about Fortnite? A guide for parents and carers](#)

Another website to support parents with online safety is run by Essex Police. <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/sort-your-settings/>

Have a great weekend
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Attendance this academic year so far: 95.4%

Reception: 94.3% Year 1: 96.4% Year 2: 95.3%

We appreciate there are a number of illnesses circulating and have attached the NHS advice below to support parents.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Earrings cannot be worn on PE days or if your child attends a club, unless the child can remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings.

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc. **This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.** We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.



Deadline to order meals for week commencing 27th January is 9am Wednesday 22nd January. You can order meals up to the Easter break.

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the app to ensure meals are sent through to us. **If your child has a meal ordered and they arrive with a packed lunch, they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.** Any changes to your meal choices are to be made by parents by **9am Wednesday's** for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences. We are unable to accept late orders, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.



Baddow Hall Schools BREAKFAST CLUB

open to all Infant and Junior children
Monday – Friday
7.30 – 8.40am

For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338
Sessions are £6.50 each.
Childcare vouchers accepted.
Pre-booking only, limited places.
(ad hoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Remider

Booking for this half term closed at midday Monday 16th December. We are able to take adhoc booking but please note that we may be unable to accommodate your child if we are fully booked.

Please ensure if paying with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time.

Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list. Thank you for the items we have recently received.

Easyfundraising

Money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children and it doesn't cost you anything. To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)



Reminders regarding school site safety

- * Adults/Children of all ages should be dismounting bikes or scooters before they enter the gates of our school site. Scooters and bikes can be stored in the bike shed provided.
- * The play equipment in the playground should not be used by anyone during drop off and pick up times as per the sign on the main gates. Please ensure that this is fed back to other adults who drop off and collect your child, such as grandparents.
- * Vaping and smoking is not permitted anywhere on our school site at any time.
- * Dogs are not permitted within the school site at anytime, this includes the carrying of dogs too. Service dogs are an exception to this.
- *Please ensure that you and your child do not walk through the staff carpark to access the school. There are access gates by the infant and the junior school side which provide a safer route.
- *Parking—If you drive to and from school, parking is prohibited on the double yellow lines and the single yellow line at restricted times in hall close, this is to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Please park considerately when parking on residential roads. Traffic wardens regularly patrol the area.



Parent Consultations—February 2025

Parent consultations take place on **Thursday 6th February 3.20-430pm** and **Thursday 13th February 4.20-7.30pm**.

If you are unable to make your appointment please ensure to let your child's class teacher know so that they can continue with the next appointment.

Reminder: Clubs for Spring Term 2025

The timetable for clubs as well as flyers is on our website under the parents-before and after school tab. It has also been emailed to parents.

If your child is signed up to a sports or active club, please ensure that if your child wears earring that they are not worn on the day of the club. They will also need suitable clothing to change into for the relevant club.

All clubs finish at **4.15pm**. Collection from clubs is from the main entrance to the school. The club provider will hand children over one by one once their adult is visible. If someone else is collecting your child, please ensure that you have notified the school office.

PSA Events

Tickets for year 1 & 2 are available now on School Money until 12noon Thursday 30th January. Tickets cannot be purchased after this deadline. Dance club will still take place on this date if your child attends.



Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are just inside our lobby area so if you think you are missing anything please come and have a look. Any items that are left over on the last day of term will be recycled if they are unnamed.