



# Barrow Hall Community Primary School

I am here to feel secure, to be valued, and to learn  
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School Web Site: [www.barrowhall.co.uk](http://www.barrowhall.co.uk)

## Mission Statement, Vision and Values

We are proud of our longstanding school motto:

**'We are here to feel secure, be valued and to learn'.**

This is well established with children throughout Barrow Hall.

In July 2017, through discussions with children, teachers, support staff and governors, we agreed a new school Vision:

**'Learning for Life.'**

We feel this promotes the development of all children and staff at Barrow Hall.

This is supported through the accompanying Mission Statement,  
**'Creating opportunity, embracing difference, following dreams.'**

In order to achieve this, we promote the four core values of

**Respect, Resilience, Ambition and Happiness**

in all we do at Barrow Hall.

## Omega Multi Academy Trust

Parents will be aware that the Board of Governors have announced that they do not feel able to commit to the timeline of a planned date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 for conversion to academy status as part of the Omega Multi Academy Trust. We are aware of some concerns about any possible implications for admissions to secondary schools for our children. Please be aware that the current position of the school has no influence on admissions to any secondary school. The Board have a meeting shortly and will issue a full statement following it. Of course, Barrow Hall remains committed to working closely with local schools in the interests of all our children.

## School Council

The new School Council are now busy in their roles. They have nominated Cancer Research and Alder Hey Children's Hospital as their chosen charities for this year. The School Council will again raise funds for the Foundation for Peace this year - an especially important year as 2018 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bomb attacks in Warrington. The School Council have already planned a calendar of events and I am sure the new Joint Chairs, **Alfie Hill** and **Natasha Thwaites**, will keep parents and children informed of these.

## Prospective Parent Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for parents of children starting school in September 2018 on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. Parents and children are invited to look around school and meet staff from 4pm and there will be a presentation for parents only at 5.30pm. As always, parents who would like to visit the school during the school day are encouraged to contact the school to arrange a visit.

## Embracing Difference Week

This week is Anti Bullying Week. As part of this we will be celebrating 'Embracing Difference'. A range of activities are planned, including a 'partial non uniform day' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. For this, we are asking children to come to school in half uniform, half non uniform (with the non uniform theme being bright colours). We are also inviting donations (£1) for this event. All funds raised will go Cancer Research - one of the School Council's nominated charities. The NSPCC will also be in school over the next couple of weeks to lead some work with children. Additional details will be sent home to parents of children based on year groups.

## Colomendy

Our Year 5 children returned from their residential visit to Colomendy on Friday. From the reports we have received in school, it appears that the visit was greatly enjoyed by all! As always, the children were commended for their behaviour throughout the visit. I would like to thank all of the staff who supported the visit this week.