



## **Barnard New Parent Mentor Program Guidelines for Incoming Families 2022-23**

Are you nervous for your first day of school? You're not alone!

Join Barnard's new parent mentor program to get the help and support you need from a family that's been in your shoes!

### **What's the mentor program all about?**

The Barnard PTA offers a mentor program that matches new, incoming families with Barnard parents that have been at the school for one or more years. This program provides new parents with a contact to whom they can ask questions about school events and general practices.

### **How does it work?**

If you register for the program by May 31\*, we will match you with a mentor family at Barnard over the summer. This family will contact you prior to the start of school via the email address and/or phone number you provided.

### **What happens next?**

Ask your mentor family questions about school life. Try to meet them in person at one of our summer play dates, the back-to-school dine-out, the kindergarten orientation meeting, or at drop-off or pick-up. The rest is up to you. Connect with your mentor family when you have questions or concerns about everyday life at Barnard.

### **What is my mentor's role?**

Your mentor's role is to help guide you through everyday life at Barnard. Your mentor can't advise you on academic, disciplinary, or personal issues. You should connect with your teacher or the school administration for any inquiries that reach beyond general experiences.

### **How do I register for the program?**

It's easy! Complete our New Parent Contact form by May 31\* ([www.barnardfriendsandfamily.org/contact-form](http://www.barnardfriendsandfamily.org/contact-form)). You can also contact the PTA ([barnardpta@gmail.com](mailto:barnardpta@gmail.com)) if you have questions. Then we'll connect you with your mentor family in mid-summer.

### **Is there anything else?**

Yes! Have fun! Thank you for participating, and welcome to our school!

\*If you sign up after May 31, the PTA will do our very best to match you with a family, but cannot guarantee a mentor match.