

Newsletter:

Dear parent/carers

What a fantastic start to this term we have had. It has been wonderful to hear the hum of learning and laughter around school from both our old and new pupils.

As we start thinking about next week- the children's first full week in school I just wanted to remind you of a few things and give you additional information too.

Uniform and PE kits

As mentioned previously all children should come to school wearing the correct uniform and shoes. Please see our school website for further details.

Children should come to school and stay in their PE kits when it is their PE days. See the timetable below:

Monday	Mrs Evans & Mrs Lewis
Tuesday	Mr Cohen, Miss Lounds, Mrs Evans, Miss Marsh, Mrs Lewis & Mrs Allen
Wednesday	Mr Brightman & Mr Marsh
Thursday	Mrs Allen, Mr Marsh, Mr Brightman, Miss Goodwin & Miss Watson
Friday	Miss Marsh, Miss Watson & Miss Goodwin

For information on correct PE kit please see the details on our school website.

To ensure any lost or misplaced uniform is returned back to the correct children please put your child's name on all items.

Jewellery: As part of our uniform the only jewellery that our children are permitted to wear is small stud earrings. **No other jewellery is permitted and children will be asked to remove any items beyond this.**



Personal Belongings

A polite reminder that personal belongings brought into school should be kept to a minimum. Children should only bring their own water bottle, a small bag containing their reading book, home-school diary and homework book and a lunchbox (if they are packed lunch)

Morning break snack/tuck

All children are welcome to either bring a healthy snack from home to eat at break time or purchase something from our catering team's tuck.

Children in year one to six can purchase a snack from our catering team. These are 30p each and children are limited to no more than two items per day. **These will need to be pre-paid for each Monday.**

Children should bring either £1.50 or £3.00 in an envelope, with their name on, each Monday. This will be recorded and enable the catering team to keep a track. They will **NOT** take any money unless it is in an envelope.

No monies will be taken after Mondays for tuck.

Do remember that children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free piece of fruit under the healthy eating scheme. This begins again from Monday 7th September.

Attendance

Attendance at school is now compulsory. Therefore Birklands will be implementing their attendance policy.

Non-attendance is being monitored.

If your child is ill please contact school to notify us. If your child is absent and you have not notified us school will call you. So please answer the phone when we give you a call.



Start of the School Day

The school will continue with opening both sets of gates at 8.25am. Children are expected to arrive between 8.25am and 8.45 am. They will enter through one of the sets of gates and go straight up to their classroom.

Where possible adults should **NOT** come on to the school playground.

If an adult brings their child onto the playground because they feel the child is not able to enter school without them they **MUST** leave the school grounds as soon as their child has entered school.

At 8.45am the gates will be closed. Anyone arriving after that time will have to buzz at the main school gate and wait for someone to let them in.

End of the Day

In order to minimize unnecessary social interaction and in-line with our risk assessment we are operating a staggered end of the day To ensure this flows we ask:

- If you are happy for your child to walk home on their own (Y4, Y5 & Y6 only) please complete the permission slip for this
- Only one adult should collect your child/children
- When on the school grounds please maintain social distancing
- Please be patient as staff get to know who you are. They have lots of new faces to recognise

The dismissal times are:

- 2.50pm for EYFS (Foundation). This will begin once the phased return has ended.
- 2.55pm for Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4)
- 3.00pm for Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)
- 3.05pm for upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will only be available to working parents.

This will begin week commencing 7th September from 7.30am. For safety reasons we will be limiting the number of places available. Places **MUST** be booked in advance

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via our school website. The link to this is up and running and available via our school website. The cost is £2 per session.

Breakfast club should be paid via your child's SQUID account or bank transfer by the end of the week. Failure to do so will result in your child's place being withdrawn. Invoices can be raised on a monthly basis if this is agreed with the school office.

After-school wrap around care club

The school will continue to operate its after-school club. The cost is £8 per day, per child. If you need to access this care on a regular basis the cost is £7.50 per day, per child.

This wrap-around care operates from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. Again this is only available to working parents.

This club will commence week beginning 7th September. For safety reasons we will be limiting the number of places available. Our limit is twelve. Places should be booked in advance via our school web-site. The link to this is up and running now.

Monthly invoices will be raised for after school club charges. If these are not paid in a timely manner then your child/ren will no longer be able to access this facility. You may pay-as-you-go using your child's SQUID account or via bank transfer if you prefer.

Main School Office

Our main office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm. If you call the school out of hours you can leave a message and someone will call you back.

Current guidance stipulates that schools should minimize the number of parents that enter school.

To support us with this if for some reason you need to speak to our office staff we will only be allowing one adult into the main reception area at a time. We will be adhering to a one in, one out system. No parent/carers should be coming into the main reception area before 8.50am.

Any payments, except for snack time, should be done via SQUID or bank transfer.

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Class newsletters

Over the next week look out for your child's class newsletter with information specific to their class.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

Mrs Smith
Head of School