



Welcome Back and Key Information

We are so excited to be welcoming old and new pupils on Monday 6th September. Staff across the school have worked hard to prepare the classrooms. They have had a relaxing holiday and feel re-energised for this academic year. We hope our children are ready too.

We are all hopeful that we can get back to some form of normality this academic year- let's keep our fingers crossed.

COVID

Sadly, this horrid virus is still with us and there are certain things we have kept in place in an attempt to avoid an outbreak and lower transmission. We have listed these below:

- School gates will open at 8.35am and children will be expected to go straight into their class base
- All children to bring in their own water bottle. This should be taken home every day to be cleaned
- Children will still be expected to hand wash and sanitize on a regular basis
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day
- Personal belongings from home brought into school to be kept to a minimal please, so no unnecessary toys or gadgets
- At least one window and the main classroom door to be open to provide ventilation

Start and end of the day

All children should be in school by 8.45am for a prompt start to their learning. As mention above both sets of gates will be open from 8.35am to allow a gradual entry into school.

All full-time classes will finish at 3.00pm. Gates will open from 2.50pm.

Where possible, if your key stage 2 child can walk to meet you away from the school grounds or are able to walk home without you please provide consent for this to happen. We will send the consent letter out next week.

Uniform

As stated before the school holiday we now expect all children to attend school wearing the correct uniform, including footwear.

Below are our expectations:

- White Shirt or White / Burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy Cardigan / Sweatshirt or fleece

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For girls:

- black or grey skirts, trousers or dresses
- red gingham dresses in summer

For boys:

- black or grey trousers
- shorts in summer

Black shoes should be worn by all our pupils. No trainers allowed.

PE

We would still like children to come to school in their PE kits on the days when they have PE.

Don't worry about which days, for the first week back, as it is not a 'normal' timetable across school anyway. Your child's class teacher will communicate this information to you during week commencing 6th September.

Below outlines PE kit expectations:

- black shorts/grey/black joggers
- a white/burgundy t-shirt
- plimsols or trainers
- if hair is long enough to be tied up it should be on PE days please

Morning break snack or tuck

A reminder that children are welcome to bring a healthy snack in from home to eat during morning break. Or they can purchase something from our tuck shop, such as toast, fruit, a health drink.

Items from the tuck shop are 30p each. A child can have up to 2 item per morning break.

As we did last year we ask that all monies for tuck are sent in on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope with your child's name on. The envelope should have either £1.50 or £3 in. Please ensure correct amount is place in the envelope.

Breakfast and After-school clubs

Birklands will still be offering wrap-around care to the children of our working parents. We are still having to limit places due o staffing in school. You will need to book a place via the school website. As places are limited please only use this wrap-around care when you are working.

Breakfast club is from 7.30am. Anyone booked in for this should arrive by 8.00am.

And it costs £2

Our after-school wrap around care is from 3.00pm until 5.30pm. Although your child should be collected as soon as you finish work. The cost for this is £7.50 for regular use and £8.00 for ad-hoc use.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child opts to ride their bike or scooter to school we will be allowing them to be kept on the school grounds until the end of the day. They will need to keep them against the wall near the main entrance to the school. Storing them there means the children do not have access to them during the day.

Extra-curricular clubs

As COVID restrictions are lifted we will now be offering a variety of extra-curricular activities. Further information around these will be sent out towards the end of next week, with a view of them beginning week commencing the 20th September.

School office hours

A reminder that our school office hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm. Although staff will be in school either side of these times they are busy preparing or in meetings. You are able to leave a message, if the phone is not answered.

Hopefully, that has provided you will all the key information you need for now. We will be sending key stage and class specific information out next week. So please make sure we have your contact details.

