



## Bournville Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the school summer holidays in full swing and a new academic year approaching, we wanted to contact you with information regarding your child(ren)'s return to school.

### **Timing of school day**

In March, The Schools' White Paper sets out that schools will offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023. This equates to 6.5 hours per day. Therefore, we are revising the timings of the school day as follows:

Gates open:	08:30am
School day starts:	08:40am
Gates close:	08:50am
School day ends:	Reception and KS1: 3:25pm KS2: 3:20pm
Gates close:	3:35pm

### **Attendance**

The DFE have recently published a document titled 'Working together to improve school attendance and punctuality' with the aim of reducing the number of unauthorised absences and late marks recorded in schools. We are expecting further guidance from the Local Authority in September, but wanted to inform you now that, as a school, we may be required to enforce more stringent processes and action in response to unauthorised absences, including lateness. We felt that this information was especially important given our earlier start times from 7<sup>th</sup> September, as outlined above.

### **Uniform**

The summer holidays tend to bring with them the annual trip to buy school uniform, so with that in mind, we wanted to remind you of the expectations around school uniform.

Our updated uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk/uniform-policy/>



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- All pupils must wear full uniform. If parents have difficulty in providing their child with uniform, please see a member of staff for support.
- It is essential that all uniform and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class.
- Long hair should be tied up for school and must be tied back for PE and practical activities.
- On PE days, your child can wear their PE kit to school. PE days for each class will be communicated in September.
- Their PE kit must be in the school colours, as outlined on the uniform policy:
  - ✓ White t-shirt
  - ✓ Green or black shorts
  - ✓ Black, green or grey jogging bottoms
  - ✓ Trainers may be worn for outdoor PE but children will need a pair of black plimsolls/pumps for indoor PE. These need to be sent into school in a suitable named bag to be kept on your child's peg.
  - ✓ Clive Marks are also selling BVP fleeces that parents may wish to purchase for PE days.
- Although a digital or analogue watch can be worn to school, please do not allow your child to wear a smart device on school days.

### **Other equipment**

All stationery and equipment is provided by school and children take responsibility for their own stationery pack. Therefore, there is no need to send your child in with a pencil case.

All children were given a BVP water bottle for use in the classroom, when they started with us. If you need to purchase a new water bottle, please contact the school office.

You can purchase a BVP school bag (via ParentPay) which is large enough to store the items your child needs to bring into school. If you purchase an alternative bag for your child, then we do ask that you restrict the size of your child's school bag due to limited space in our cloakrooms.

### **Meet the teacher events**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event from 3:30-4:00pm. Teachers will bring the children out at the end of the day and you will be invited back



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into school to meet the teacher and see your child's new classroom. Any information we share during this event will be shared via the year group pages on our school website.

### **Key dates**

There are a number of key dates planned for the Autumn Term, please see our most recent newsletter for a list of these and add them to your diary: [Weekly announcements 21<sup>st</sup> July](#)

### **New Reception starters**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception starters in September. We are expecting Reception children to join us on a part-time basis on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September, for which you will have been allocated either an AM or a PM slot.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we would like all Reception children to join us for the morning and to stay for lunch, before all children attend full time from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Until September, I wish you a fantastic summer and hope you all get the chance to recharge and enjoy some family time.

Kind regards,

Jess Mattocks  
Interim Head Teacher

