



Updates from the school office team September 2021

We would like to welcome you back to Bewdley Primary School after the summer holidays and are here to help you with any questions you may have.

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More information about Bewdley Primary School is in our school prospectus which is on our website –

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2761&type=pdf>

Below we have listed information you may find helpful for the start of the new term – school and nursery reopen on Monday 6th September

1. Start and end times for September 2021

Having found the staggered start and finish times during the last year very effective in reducing the number of cars parked along the road, we have decided to keep this to a certain extent in the new academic year. We hope these times will keep any waiting times between key stages to the minimum and reduce congestion outside the school.

These are our start and collection times from September 2021. We have taken into consideration our increased number of children and the need to stagger times to limit the number of families arriving at the same time. We also want to avoid a clash with the high school times.

Arriving at School

Parents and children in Years Rec – 6 should use the side gate into the playground. Parents and children in Reception should use the path by the side of the pond (and new classroom) via the playground to enter the Reception area and then exit via the Nursery play area gate back on to the playground to allow for a one way system due to the narrow pathway. The main entrance is used when visiting the school during the day.



Morning drop off times

8.25am – 8.35am Reception and Key stage 1

The school gates will open at 8.20am. The classroom doors will close at 8.35am. If you arrive after 8.35am you will have missed the register and will need to enter school via the school office to register your child.

8.35am – 8.45am Key Stage 2

The classroom doors and school gate will close at 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45am you will have missed the register and will need to enter school via the school office to register your child.

We would encourage families to use the drop facility via the school layby wherever possible and for older siblings to take their younger siblings to their class before going to their class entrance. We will make sure that a member of staff continues to monitor the layby and gate.

The school gate will be locked at 8.50am so please ensure you have left the playground by then.

Arriving Late

After 8.35am (Rec and KS1) / 8.45am (KS2) the classroom doors will close and pupils arriving late should come through the main doors to the school office where parents need to report a reason for being late which will be recorded by a member of the office staff.



End of school day times

3.00pm Reception and Key Stage 1

3.10pm Key Stage 2

Our older children are encouraged to arrange a meeting place outside school to reduce the number of parents on the school grounds

2. Parking at school

Please be considerate when parking outside school. It is illegal to park on the zig zag areas. Do not park on footpaths and near to road junctions. A barrier is in operation in the school car park from 8am to 4.30pm. Please be aware that only authorised staff and visitors will be able to use this facility. The barrier system is part of our commitment to improving safety at school by reducing traffic on the school site. Parents dropping off and collecting children from RASCALS can access the car park before 8am and after 4.30pm. Please do not try and enter the car park before 4.30pm. This is because children are leaving after school clubs until 4.30pm. There is no pedestrian access through the barrier. Please use the footpaths not the car park to access and leave school. Do not attempt to walk under the barrier as this could activate it, putting you and your children in danger.

School car park and lay by parking for parents and children

Due to the increased numbers of people who have requested the use of the disabled spaces in the school car park we are aware that it could become extremely overcrowded at the start and the end of the day, and in turn become a safety issue to pedestrians and other vehicle users. To alleviate this problem, the following arrangements have been put in place and we ask parents to adhere to them. The safety and wellbeing of our children is our priority whilst also trying to meet the needs of disabled badge holders. Please help us to keep our children safe.

School car park

Parents who have a prior agreement based on the disability/needs of their children may be able to park on the car park however arrangements will be made directly with these parents. The car park will be locked. No blue badge holders (without prior arrangement) will be admitted into the car park. Please do not attempt to access the carpark – you will not be permitted in and will have to reverse back out onto the road.

School Layby



Morning 8:20am – 8:45am - Drop off only No Parking

The layby will be staffed – cars can drive in and parents can drop off their children at the end of the layby. The children can walk along the school path to another member of staff who will guide them to the school main gate



Afternoon 2:45 -3.30pm – Disabled Parking only

6 spaces for blue badge holders to park and collect their children on a first come basis

3. Covid 19 Guidance Updates

Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case in all education and childcare sectors

From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual.

Below is the guidance Bewdley Primary have received from the DFE –

Latest school government guidance for when an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

*Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should **not** come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).*

If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.

Admitting children into school

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal. This

means that unless there is an outbreak (as defined by Public Health), children who have had close contact with a positive case in school will no longer be expected to isolate at home.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children and young people until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

Keeping children in bubbles is no longer necessary unless there is an outbreak and the public health advice is to put in place additional measures.

What this means for Bewdley Primary School

- **Based on the guidance above we plan to open with no restrictions on Monday 6th September.**

4. School Lunches

We will be welcoming our new caterers to school in September. School Lunches will be provided by the kitchen staff at St Anne's Primary in Bewdley.



During the summer holidays we will be investing in new equipment for our kitchen to enable some of the food preparation and cooking to be done on site.

Every day there will be main or vegetarian meal and an alternative choice of a filled jacket potato or a sandwich plus a salad bar and fresh bread. The meal price is £2.20. Please share with your child and let them choose their meals.

It would be really helpful if you order your meal via Parent Pay even if you do not have to pay for it by Monday 30th August

Here is the link to our September menu which is on our school website – <https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2751&type=pdf>

5. Changes to School Uniform



From September children will be allowed to wear black trainers instead of school shoes if they wish. Please note they must be **black** and **not canvas or pumps**.

Trainers can be less expensive than school shoes and are much more practical and comfortable for playing outside.

Children can wear their PE kits on PE days and Forest School clothes on their Forest School days. This means they will not be wearing school shoes everyday, so instead of spending

money on school shoes which can be very expensive parents have the option of buying a good pair of trainers for school which can be worn every day.

Hoodies

We have asked our uniform supplier Marks and Spencer to supply hoodies with our school logo on and we will let you know when you are able to order them via the Marks and Spencer website. We hope to have them available to order by September.

A reminder of our school uniform

School Uniform

- Grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore
- Grey shorts or red and white gingham dress can be worn in summer
- School sweatshirt, red cardigan or red jumper
- White shirt / polo shirt
- Grey socks, plain grey, red or white socks or tights,
- Traditional black school shoes or black trainers (no pumps or canvas). Sensible sandals can be worn in summer

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts
 - White T shirt with school logo
 - Spare socks
 - Trainers
 - Black joggers and a sweatshirt (KS2)
- A PE kit bag with the school logo on can be ordered online.

Full details of our school uniform are on the school website.

Ordering of School Uniform

All our school uniform with the Bewdley Primary School logo on is available to order online from Marks and Spencer. This simple and secure service enables you to order your child's school uniform online and pay using a credit/debit card.



- Parents should log on to <http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com> and click on 'Uniform by School' and select the region Staffordshire and Worcestershire to find our school logo and follow the straight forward on screen instructions.
- The garments available within the school's code of dress are listed within the school site.
- Please take advantage of the size guide information to make sure you get the fit you want and allow for your child's growth through the school year.
- Orders will be delivered to your home address (delivery charge is £3.50; all deliveries of £30 and above will receive free standard delivery).

6. Contact details



In order to communicate by text and email we must have up to date contact details

- Address
- Home Phone
- Mobile
- Email

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES

7. RASCALS



RASCALS continues to be a valuable and essential extension of the school. It provides before and after school care for children at the school. It is not just for working parents, it's a great place for your children to have fun with their friends from school.

Families intending to use RASCALS need to register as users. Registration forms are available in the school office or by emailing rascals@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk and once registered booking can be emailed

RASCALS is fully booked for most sessions. Places can be booked for a complete half term in advance. Once you have emailed the booking you will be invoiced via ParentPay. Please note this is the only way you can pay for RASCALS. Payment must be received in advance of your child taking the place in RASCALS. (An allowance will be made until you have your ParentPay account) Places are booked on a first come first served basis.

Opening hours	Breakfast Club	Monday - Friday 7.30am - 8.45am
	After School	Monday - Friday 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Rates from September 2021	Breakfast Club	£4.50
	After School	1 st hour or part hour £4.50
		3.00 - 4.20pm - £4.50
		3.00 - 5.30pm - £9.00

8. Bewdley Primary School Website

www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk.

The school website provides valuable and up-to-date information for parents and children. Each year group has a dedicated page in the 'Our Learning' section.