

4 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RETURNING TO SCHOOL – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome back! We hope that you had a great summer.

Prior to the school term starting on Wednesday, we wanted to make you aware of a few changes and reminders about organisation at the beginning and the end of the school day.

School times

Reception/ KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

The gate opens at 8:20 am and classroom doors open at 8:25 am with the register closing at 8:35 am. This means that if your child arrives after 8:35 am they must go through the main entrance so that they are put on the register. The children finish their final lesson at 3:00 pm, they will then need to tidy up and collect their belongings before being released.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

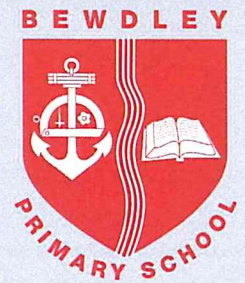
Classroom doors open at 8:35 am and the registers close at 8:45 am. This means that if your child arrives after 8:45 am the school gate will be locked and they will have to go through the main entrance. The children finish their final lesson at 3:10 pm, they will then need to tidy up and collect their belongings before being released.

Please do not allow children to arrive too early and ensure that they remain with you until the school doors open. They are not able to play in the play areas or on equipment at the start or end of the school day. It is also important that any younger siblings are not allowed to play with school equipment or run around near classroom doors at the start or end of the school day.

Entrances/Exits

All children apart from those in Years 1 and 6, enter the school through their classroom doors accessed via the school playground (please see below for first few days for Reception children).

The Nursery entrance is now located in the side door towards the end of the school drive (last year's Rascal's entrance and exit) – please supervise children



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carefully here as cars may arriving and leaving during drop off and collection times.

Year 1 children will now wait in the play area at the front of the school (inside the green fenced area) and will enter/exit their classroom through the doors at the front of school. The gate to the play area will open at 8:20 am in the morning and again at 2:55 pm so parents/carers can wait here. Please do not enter the second gate. This is quite a small area so please do not arrive too early!

Year 6 pupils (all three classes) will enter/exit through their entrance at the front of the school.

Reception Children Wednesday 6th September 2023/Thursday 7th September 2023

When children are doing the morning session on these days (8:30 am), they will come in through the classroom doors accessed via the playground – there will be staff outside to guide you through. Collection at lunchtime (11:30 am) will be via the Reception gate at the side of the school at the end of the school drive. Drop off for the afternoon (12:30 pm) will also be through the side gate at the end of the drive. Children leaving at the end of the afternoon (3pm) will be collected from the classroom doors via the playground. On Friday 8th September, the children will be dropped off (8:25 am) and collected (3 pm) from the classroom doors via the playground. This will be the normal place following on from this.

Any child arriving or leaving outside of normal school times will need to come/go via the main office door.

Layby

The layby is for drop off only and should never be used to park in between the hours of 7:30 am and 8:45 am. The layby will be completely barriered off from 2.45pm each day and is not to be used for collection at the end of the school day. This is for health and safety and to alleviate some of the difficulties that we have experienced in the last year. If you have parked here, your car will then become blocked in.

If you need to bring your child in, you will need to park away from the school. Please make sure that parking is safe and respectful of the residents near to the school.

Local Bridge/Road Works

The bridge in Bewdley is currently closed and this is causing traffic issues. It will open again shortly but traffic in Bewdley will be working on a one-way system through the town for many months. This will probably cause further traffic issues. Please allow plenty of time for drop off and collection and wherever possible we would ask that you walk to school to alleviate the number of cars on the road. I am due to attend a meeting in the next couple of weeks to look at the potential impact of these measures and will get back to you with further information as soon as I have it.

School Uniform

I have attached a copy of the school uniform guidance. We have tried to make the uniform as practical, liberal and cost effective as possible and, therefore, do expect that all children will comply with this. We will be challenging incorrect school uniform and would, therefore, ask that you do your best to meet the requirements. Please let us know if you having any difficulties with this as we may be able to help.

Parent Information Evening/ Meet the Teacher Evening

We look forward to seeing you at the above event on **Thursday 21st September 2023 at 6:00pm**. The evening will start with a brief overview of the latest school developments and objectives and then you will have the opportunity to go to your child's class to hear more about their specific learning for the year. If you have more than one child, you will be able to then go to a second session after the first one to hear from another year group.

RAAC Concrete

You may have seen in the press that there have been concerns over the use of Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in some buildings.

The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018. You can find more in the Education Hub article published by DfE.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently

working with surveyors to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office by emailing office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk or calling 01299 403 796.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jane Woakes', written over a circular stamp.

Jane Woakes
Headteacher

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