

Parents Guide



Welcome to

Bamford Primary School



‘a safe place to grow’



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Bamford Primary School.

We hope that you find this information useful in answering many of your questions about starting school.

The School day

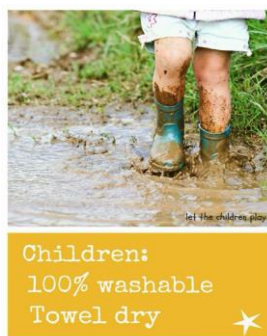
Breakfast Club	7.45am- 8.45am (Free from 8:10)
Morning drop off	8.40am – 12 noon Registration 8.50am
Afternoon	1.00pm – 3.20pm

The school gates will open at 8.40am and children are invited in from this time.

Outside area

Children will have access to the outside area for most of the day, regardless of the weather. Please make sure that your child has a suitable coat and footwear for the weather.

Outdoor play is of vital importance in the early years of childhood. Active outdoor play increases health and physical development by improving sensory development, reducing obesity and stimulating brain cells. It also cultivates responsibility in children, preparing them for the added duties of adolescence and adulthood. Repeated exposure to nature will encourage an environmental awareness that will help the child develop into a responsible, environmentally conscious adult.



Snacks

In order for children to stay hydrated, we encourage all children to bring a **named** water bottle to school each day. Fruit is available daily from school.



Absences from School

If your child is absent from school due to illness or a medical appointment, please notify school by telephone on the day of absence.

Schools are now unable to authorise term time holidays, except for exceptional circumstances. Failure to obtain permission at least 2 weeks ahead may result in unauthorised absences and parents may be fined.

Absence request forms are available from the school office and should be returned to the Head teacher.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Sweatshirt or cardigan in royal blue or navy blue.
- A polo shirt in white, royal blue or navy blue.
- Trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts (for the summer) in grey or black.
- A summer dress in royal blue/white or navy blue/white gingham.
- A Fleece (optional) in royal blue or navy blue.
- Dark coloured shoes.

Uniform is available to order from the school office. And we have regular second-hand uniform sales run by the schools PTFA.

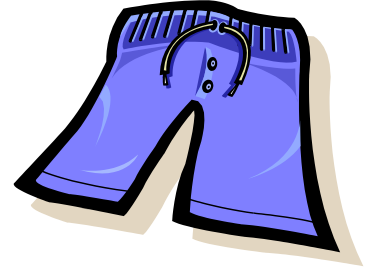
Please ensure **all** of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly named.

Physical Education

At Bamford we promote healthy eating, sport and outdoor activities to equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to live a healthy, balanced life.

For P.E. you child will require:

- A named bag, which they can hang on their peg
- Black or navy blue shorts
- White T-Shirt
- Pumps



Children are required to come to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days.

Please ensure all kit is clearly named and correctly fitting.

Lunch time

All infant children are eligible for a universal **free** school meal. Please notify school if you wish your child to have a school lunch.

If your child has a packed lunch please provide a suitable, **named** lunch box or plastic container.



Helping your child prepare for school

There are many ways in which you can help your child prepare for school. Here are a few tasks your child should be working towards achieving:

- Going to the toilet unassisted.
- Dressing and undressing unassisted.
- Recognising his/her own clothing, coat, lunch box, etc.
- Recognising his/her name when written.
- Blowing his/her own nose when required.
- Using a knife and fork.
- Putting own shoes and coat on.

What is Reception?

The Reception Classes are the second part of the 'Foundation Stage'. This first Key Stage of learning is for children from birth to five years of age and has its own curriculum. This includes Pre-school, Nursery and Reception.

The Characteristics of the Foundation Stage Curriculum

Prime Areas: • Communication and Language • Personal, Social and Emotional Development • Physical Development

These are areas that children develop quickly in response to relationships and experience. They run through and support children's learning in all other areas.

Specific Areas: • Literacy • Mathematics • Understanding the World • Expressive Arts and Design

These are areas that include developing specific skills and knowledge.

Both the Prime and Specific areas will be taught through • Playing and exploring • Active Learning • Creating and thinking critically

Forest Schools

Forest School is an inspirational process that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

Children will need: wellies and waterproofs.

Forest School takes place once a week. This will be on a Friday afternoon on a rota basis.

Parents

Staff are available at the start and end of the school day, however, if you wish to discuss your child in private, it is advisable to make a mutually convenient appointment.

We also welcome parent helpers into school to help with art and craft activities or to hear readers. Please see a member of staff if you would like to come and help.

Keeping in touch



Class Dojo: Bamford Primary School this online program to communicate with parents. It is a safe platform (GDPR-compliant) that enables school to instantly share updates, information and photos from class that help you stay connected to school life.

The story function on Class Dojo is the fundamental way we record your child's progress through the Foundation Stage. In these electronic books we record and notate observations, achievements and photographs. You will be given a password and be able to access Class Dojo at home via an app. We welcome your contribution to the journals, you will be able to add comments and upload photographs of your child's achievements at home.

Please ensure school is kept informed of changes to medical circumstances and emergency contact details.

What do I do when it is not the usual person collecting my child?

If anyone other than the usual adult is going to collect your child, please notify your child's teacher verbally, or via Dojo or in the case of emergencies through the school office.

Further information about school can be found on the school's website at:

www.bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk/

Details of term time events can be found on our website. We will also keep you up-to-date via ClassDojo.

If any of your questions have not been answered here, please feel free to contact me on: ecoulson@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk

Oak Class – Reception and Year 1 and 2



Mrs Emma Coulson – Class Teacher