
Bowhill Primary School

New Starters

Welcome!

Mom Inspired Life

"Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write and count. It is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace that is right for each individual child."

Magda Gerber

Forms

- All forms should be completed and handed into the office before the end of this term (**Friday 17th July**).



- Along with your forms please bring your child's birth certificate, the office will then photocopy this and return there and then.
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Home Visits

- Home visits will take place on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September.**



The First Week



- **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th ~ children will be in school from 8:50 – 11:45a.m. (Doors open at 8.40a.m.)**
 - **Friday 11th ~ children will be in school from 8:40 – 1:30p.m. (the children will have lunch at school).**
 - **From Monday 14th September children will stay all day (8:40 - 3.20)**
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We want to take your child on an adventure...



The School Day (Morning...)



- The children come to their classroom doors between 8:40 and 8:50 and parents leave the children at the door
 - After registration, the children will take part in a phonic session
 - The children then take part in 'Dough Disco' (first half term) and then 'Funky Fingers' this is where we work with the children to practise their fine motor skills
 - The children then take part in learning through play, where they are able to explore the reception learning environment ~ two class bases and the outside area. We will be operating as a unit and children can free-flow between all three areas. We call this 'Exploration Time'
 - We have a set snack time, where the children all sit down together to have snack. Please provide a fresh fruit or veg snack daily.
 - Short group time before lunch in class groups
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The School Day ...and afternoon)



- The children will have their lunch between 12 and 1p.m., they will eat their lunch in the canteen and play outside
 - Children have group time in their class until around 1.30p.m.
 - They then have 'Exploration Time' until approx. 2.45p.m.
 - The children then have fruit time in their class groups followed by a story or assembly
 - Time to go home. The school day ends at 3.20p.m. Children are collected from the playground
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Learning



- At Bowhill Primary School we follow the Development Matters Framework. The framework is made up of seven areas (three prime and four specific)
 - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
 - **Communication and Language**
 - **Physical Development**
 - **Literacy**
 - **Maths**
 - **Understanding the World**
 - **Expressive Art and Design**
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Attendance



We strongly encourage families to form good habits from the start of school

Uniform



- Full list in pack
 - Burgundy fleece with logo (optional)
 - Burgundy jumper or burgundy cardigan logo (optional)
 - White polo shirt with or without logo
 - Grey or black trousers, dress or pinafore.
 - Black shoes- no laces
 - In summer grey shorts or summer dresses.
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Uniform



- Summer-
- Plain white T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers (no laces)

- Winter-
- Plain white T-shirt with school jumper
- Plain, dark joggers
- Trainers (no laces)

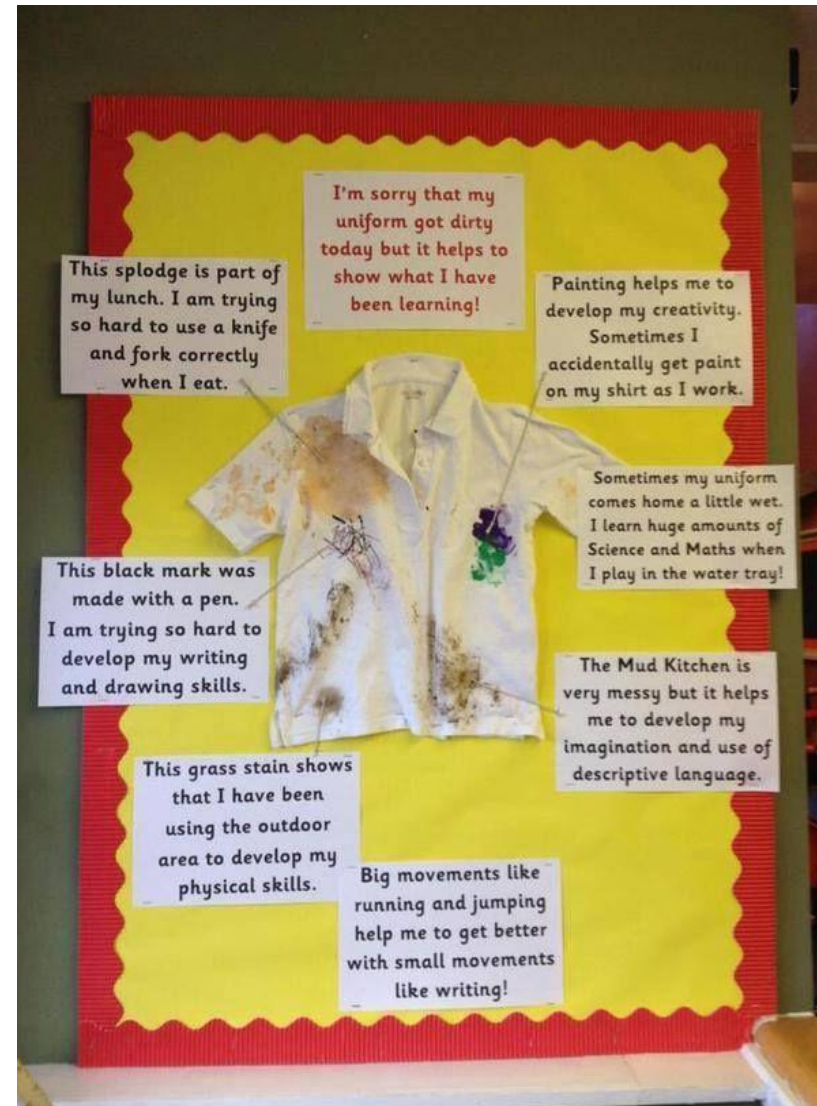
Children will come into school in PE kits on PE days

Uniform



- Please **NAME** all items of uniform (including shoes) – with either name tapes or permanent marker pen
 - And please be aware that names do rub off
 - In addition your child will need a book bag – available from the office in September
 - Earrings
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Uniform



Lunches

- All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are offered a free school meal at lunchtime with the majority of families taking up this offer
- 3 week menu ~ 2 options every day (one is always a vegetarian option) and often a third choice - jacket potato with a variety of toppings
- A salad bar is also offered
- Children will be using cutlery in the canteen, this can be a skill that could be practised over the holidays please
- Parents can order their child's lunches through the school Gateway app (please see the letter within your pack)
- The children all eat in the canteen and have regular mealtime assistants
- Some families would have qualified for free school meals before the new offer. Additional form ~ can be collected from the school office



Lunches



- If your child is not going to take up the offer, or only wants a hot meal on some days, you will need to send them with a packed lunch:
 - Packed lunches – boxes **NAMED** on the outside
 - School encourages healthy eating so no sweets or chocolate bars, chocolate biscuit/ biscuits are okay i.e. Kit Kats or Penguin bars
 - Quantity – children want to eat and have time to play
 - Uneaten food is placed back in lunch boxes and sent home
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Snack



- Fruit, dried fruit, raw carrot etc. – Grapes **MUST** be halved lengthways. Snacks must be **NAMED** (masking tape provided)
 - **NO** nuts
 - Free fruit in the afternoon
 - Water bottles- please ensure your child has a water bottle every day that is named, this needs to be water please
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Future Meetings

- Reading meeting ~ Autumn Term
- Termly meet and greets
- Parent evenings ~ Autumn and Spring.
- School reports are given out at the end of the year and parents are given the opportunity to discuss them with the teachers in July should they wish.



Communication



- You will receive an invite to your child's Tapestry before the end of term
 - If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher on Tapestry please note teachers will respond within 48 hours. It is not to be used for attendance or other emergencies please contact the office for these things.
 - You can also speak to your child's class teacher informally at the start and end of the school day in the playground.
 - Please inform school if anyone different is collecting your child
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School ready?



★ Starting School ★

Things I can try...

	Put on my coat	
	Use the toilet and wash my hands	
	Carry my own bag	
	Open my snack box or lunchbox	
	Tidy toys when I have finished	
	Listen to instructions	
	Take turns with others and share	
	Ask for help if I need it	
	Try new things	
	Recognise my own name	

Remember.....

Every child will settle into school differently and at their own pace.
We are ready to help them grow, learn and shine!



Remember children develop at their own pace and should not be compared.

School ready?



When You:

*Cut it for me,
Write it for me,
Open it for me,
Set it up for me,
Draw it for me or
Find it for me,*

All I learn is:

that you do it better than me



Further information



Information for the Parents of New Reception Children

We are looking forward to your child starting school in September. We have collected together all the information that we think you will find useful. Click on the links below to view the documents.

- [Attendance Information](#)
- [Communicating with Parents – School Gateway Information](#)
- [EYFS Behaviour Policy](#)
- [Fruit and Veg Letter](#)
- [Home School Agreement](#)
- [Introduction to After School & Breakfast Clubs](#)
- [Parent Privacy Notice ELAT](#)

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Thank you for coming!



Any questions please
come and ask us!
