
Welcome Back

We are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school tomorrow morning, we have been working hard over the summer to prepare the classrooms and ensure that everything is ready for a new term and new school year at Balliol.

Please make sure you have read our 'Getting Ready for September' information in the newsletter section of the school website for information about equipment and timings of the school day.

The school gates will open at 8.30 and will close at 8.45 as the new school timings start this term. We will be continuing the one-way system around the school grounds for all parents and children. This ensures safety for all.

At the end of the school day the gates will open at 3.25. All children should be collected from the space outside the classrooms unless they are in Year5/6 and have signed permission to walk home.

A reminder that on Friday – the children finish school at 1.25pm. The school gate will open at 1.20.

The school dinner menu for the Autumn term is on the school website. All children will need to activate an online account to be able to order school lunches. In years 3 – 6 you will also need to set up payment details within this to be able to pay for meals. Through the new school meals provider we have managed to secure a better cost for school meals and these will now be £2.60 per day.

If you believe you may be entitled to Free School meals, please apply through Bedford Borough Council- [Apply for free school meals - Contact Information - Section 1 - Bedford Borough Council \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

An email will come out later today with the details you need to activate a parentpay account. At school we will only be using this for school meal payment.

Tomorrow morning there will be several staff outside the classrooms and in the outside areas to support and direct you, please speak to them if you have any questions.

Friday Provision. This is a childcare provision in place on a Friday afternoon for those parents who are working and do not have any alternative childcare available. Please be aware that if this is not booked in advance through the booking system, we will not be able to accommodate children as we need to ensure that our supervision ratios are sufficient.



The link to book this provision using Google forms has been sent out by email today and also via the school app. You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser.

Communication

If you need to speak to a class teacher, please continue to use class emails to do this, all classes have the same format using the class name at the beginning:
classname@balliolschool.co.uk.

The beginning and end of the school day can be very busy and it is not always possible to speak to class teachers at these points. You are also able to call the school office and leave a message and the class teacher will return your call.

Many of the messages for parents are sent via email or the school app, please make sure that you download this.

If you change your mobile number, please make sure that you inform the school office so that we are able to contact you.

Uniform

All children will be expected to wear school uniform which includes black shoes. Multi-coloured shoes/trainers are not acceptable as part of the day to day school uniform.

On PE days the children should come to school in their PE kit. This should be black/blue shorts or joggers, a white/blue t-shirt and a black or blue warm top.

If you require any help with uniform, we do have good range of donated uniform available at school.

If you have any questions or queries, please email the school office
office@balliolschool.co.uk