
Friday Update

It has been a very busy week here at Balliol and we are so proud of how the children have settled into their new routines despite the very hot weather!

Look out for a photo summary of the first week back on our Facebook page.

If you have a child in Year 3 or above please be aware that they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals and meals will need to be paid in advance through Caterlink unless you are entitled to income related Free School Meals.

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 \(achieveservice.com\)](http://achieveservice.com)

Caterlink have a policy that if a child is owing in excess of £10 they will not provide a school meal until the account is settled, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child if this is the case.

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

A huge well done to all this week, the uniform across the school has been very good including PE Kits – thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Another well done for attendance this week which has been a great start. Please remember that all children are expected to be in school every day. If your child is not well enough to be in school, you must contact the school office and let us know.



Please find the DfE information regarding childhood illnesses and whether your child should be in school in the Newsletters section of the school website or attached alongside this Newsletter.

Leave of Absence during term time

Good attendance is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning. Term time holidays have a detrimental effect on a child's educational achievement if coupled with unavoidable absences such as illness. Children's attendance should be in line with expectations of 96% or above.

We do not authorise term time holidays and all absences for this will be recorded as unauthorised and may be subject to a fine.

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