



Frequently asked - new starters KS1

Who will my teacher be?

You can find out your teacher's name and see their picture on the school website on the class pages. You will also find the names and pictures of all the other adults who work in your year group.

How many children are in my class?

In every year group there is usually around 60 children and 4 adults. Each year group is split into two classes with around 30 children and 2 adults in each class.

What time does school start and finish?

The year 1 gate opens at 8:30am for school to start at 8:50am. Hometime is 2:50pm
The year 2 gate opens at 8:30am for school to start at 9am. Hometime is 3:00pm

What about if I need to come to school earlier or stay later?

At Bowerham we have a breakfast and after school club called Bowerham Kids Club. For more information about the Kids club please visit:
[Bowerham Kids Club - Bowerham School](#)

What do I wear to school?

Currently due to COVID-19, all the children are wearing a red bowerham school jumper and a white polo shirt with black leggings or joggers with black trainers. This is so we can get outside and be active everyday of the week.

This has been hugely successful and so now we are in the process of consulting with parents regarding our current uniform policy. Please keep an eye on the uniform section of the website for any updates.

How do I make friends?

Your new teacher will make sure you are settling in and making friends. They will buddy you up with someone in your class who will show you around and answer all your questions if you are unsure about how school works or where to find something.

Will there be homework?

Yes. You will find all your homework on Showbie. Each week on a Friday you will be set a maths activity, chatter matters homework and a task homework.

Maths – this is an online challenge on the MyMaths website.

Chatter matters – this is a talking challenge. You will be set a topic to talk about with your grown-ups at home to get some ideas going ready to write about on next week in school.

Task homework – this is a challenge linked to the topic you are working on in class. You can choose how to complete it - you can write on paper and bring it into school to hand in to your teacher or you can complete it on a computer and upload it to Showbie.

Spellings – each week you will get new spellings to learn, ready to be tested.



What about reading homework?

You will be set books to read based on your reading level. You will read your book both at home and in school so you will need to bring it to school every day in your bag. You will also be given a diary where you will write down and keep a log of what you have read either at home with your family or in school with your teacher.

You will also access reading books online on the Bug Club website. Here you can read books that are matched to your reading level and answer quiz questions about the story.

What is Showbie?

Showbie is an app/website that you will use to complete activities set by your teacher – this may be your homework or activities set by your teacher for you to complete as part of your school work in class.

Is there a library?

Yes, we have a school library which you will visit once a week to change your library book. We also have a reading area in each classroom where you can find books to enjoy reading in free time.

Is there any ICT?

Yes. Each class has access to a trolley which has laptops and ipads stored inside.

What happens at lunch time?

Everybody eats their dinner in the school hall. Children can either choose to have a hot school lunch which is payable in advance via our Parent Pay system, or they can bring in a packed lunch each day for school.

School dinners: You will find information on how to pay for school dinners or to check whether you are eligible for free school meal funding on the website:

[School Meals - Bowerham School](#)

You will also find a 3-week menu on the website so you can plan ahead for lunch options. Each day, during the register, you will let your teacher know if you are on school dinners so that the kitchen knows to prepare your meal.

Packed lunches: You will place your packed lunch on your classes lunch trolley in the morning and the lunch monitors in your class will deliver the trolley to the hall ready for lunch time and return it to your classroom afterwards.

What happens at playtime?

In year 1 the classrooms are attached to a special year 1 playground which is open all day long with different activities happening outside for you to take part in.

In year 2 playtime is at 10:25 for 15 minutes and each day you can play in the different outdoor areas including: the trim trail, the muga, the quiet area, the field and the playground.



What about snacks?

In Year 1 you will make your own snack. There will be a station in the classroom where you can get fruit and you can make toast and put butter, marmalade, jam etc. on top.

In year 2 you can help yourself to fruit at break time from the trolley.

Can I join a club?

Currently due to COVID-19, we are not running any clubs.

Soon, there will be lots of clubs you can join. You can find a list of clubs on the school website and information of how to book a place.

[Internal Clubs and Activities - Bowerham School](#)

Is there a school council?

Currently due to COVID-19, we are not running our children's councils.

When they are running again, we do have a pupil SLT, school council, eco council, arts council and rota kids that will start again soon.

Pupil SLT meet regularly with the staff SLT to discuss and implement new ideas for whole school improvements.

School council work on topics and projects surrounding school, local and global matters.

Eco council focuses on environmental activities and projects.

Arts council works on creative projects.

Rota kids get involved in important activities in the community.

When is PE?

Currently, each class has been taking part in physical activities each day to blow off the lockdown cobwebs.

In addition, each year group takes part in PE on a different day of the week. You will find information about your PE day on the school website on the class pages. On your PE day you will come to school in your PE clothes.

Will we go on school trips?

Yes. Lots! Your teacher will take you on trips that link in with your learning and every year the whole school goes on a trip to watch a Christmas pantomime!



What happens if I am upset?

In school, we have lots of things in place to help you if you are upset. We have trust buddies which is where you pick any adult in school who you can ask to talk to if you are upset or worried about anything.

When we are not working in a bubble system due to COVID-19, we also run a buddy system where the reception children are buddied up with year 5 children. Each week they spend time with their buddies to get to know them. Then when the reception children are in year 1 and their buddies are in year 6, they will share a playground and be able to find their year 6 buddy if they are upset.

What are the school rules?

We have 6 golden rules to follow. When you are following these rules, this is called your Bowerham Best.

- We are kind
- We are gentle
- We look after property
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We listen

What rewards can I earn?

When you have done something extra special that is even better than your Bowerham best. You can earn:

- **team points** – if you are awarded a team point, you can add it to a chart in the classroom. At the end of each term, the team with the most points is awarded an extra playtime.
- **happy boxes** – this is where your name goes into a box when you have done something really good and the teacher picks one at random on Fridays. If your name is picked, you get a small prize
- **star of the week** – your teacher will choose a star of the week each week and the winner gets a small prize.
- **citizen of the week** – this is where the children vote for somebody in their class who has shown a special quality during the week. The teacher will pick a nomination out of the box at random and if your name is picked, you get a small prize.
- **Golden Purple Pen** – This is given to 2 children per class and is awarded to someone who has made improvements in their Just Write. You can use your Golden Purple Pen for the whole week.
- **Marbles** – this is where the whole class has worked really hard all together. Once the class has earned 50 marbles, the class is rewarded with a marble day where the children pick the activities.
- **Head teacher's Award** – At the end of each half term, Mrs Banks awards a certificate to two children in each year group who have worked exceptionally hard all term.



What happens if I make a bad choice and get into trouble?

Every adult in school, follows the same steps to help you make the right choices. If you are not following the Bowerham rules and showing your Bowerham Best then the adults in school, will follow the consequence steps:

- 1) A non-verbal acknowledgment. The teacher may look at you, move closer or gently touch your shoulder.
- 2) Check you're ok. The teacher will ask if you are ok, if you need any help, and if you understand the task you have been set.
- 3) You will be moved from the Sunshine on to the cloud.
- 4) You are given another warning.
- 5) Your name will be moved onto the lightning.
- 6) If your name is on the lightning at the end of the day your teacher might speak to someone at home.

What will I learn about?

Each year group follows a curriculum tailored to the specific needs of the children in that year group. For further information on our curriculum please visit the curriculum pages for each year group on the website.

How do I get help with my work if I am stuck?

At Bowerham we follow the 4Bs. This means that when you need help you:

- First of all, use your BRAIN
- Then, check the BOARD
- After that, ask a BUDDY
- And if we are still stuck, we then ask the BOSS (adults in the classroom)