



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Year 4 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a HUGE welcome to the new Year 4 children and parents/carers. This is a quick update of any changes to routines that you may need to know about how our Bowerham Family will be operating in September.

Morning Routines (drop off)

In September our Year 4 children will enter school through the black school gates. Parents are requested to allow their children to enter the school grounds independently. Year 4 children will enter school via the main pupil entrance from 8:30am with an 8:40am start.

Dinner time

We will be continuing with staggered lunchtime. Our lunch time will be 12:15pm – 1:00pm. There will continue to be only one option with a vegetarian alternative available on all days. Please see the menu on the Bowerham website: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/school-menus/>

All children in years Rec, 1 & 2 will receive a government-funded lunch each day which means parents do not have to pay for a school meal. However, children in years nursery to year 6 could also be eligible for free school meals funding as well.

This will apply to your family if you are in receipt of benefits. We strongly urge parents to complete the free school meals form on the school meals page of our website. Parents are encouraged to apply since the school will benefit from additional funding, called Pupil Premium, for all those who have a free school meal entitlement.

End of the day routines

At the end of the day parents are invited to collect children from the main playground, the children will leave via the black door into the yard as they did in Year 3. The children will finish their school day at 3.00pm. We ask that parents stand near the far wall, observe social distancing rules and children will be sent to the person collecting.

Files

This year, we are asking that the children bring in their own lever arch file that they can use as their learning journey. We hope this will encourage them to take more pride in their work and

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inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing*

keep them neat and tidy. They can either be plain or patterned, but not with characters or logos on please.

Reports

Your child's end-of-year report will be uploaded onto Showbie, in "My Progress and Achievements", in their current year group, on Friday 9th July. The reports will consist of their front cover, personal comment page, curriculum tracker, and their pupil report. The Literacy, Numeracy, and Foundation subject trackers will be in their respective folders too.

Transition

On Friday, 9th July, there will be summer home learning activities on your child's current year group Showbie account, provided for your children to complete over the holidays. This gives the children some routine over the holidays and by completing this work will ensure that the momentum of learning is not effected by the 6 weeks holiday. Alongside this learning, there will also be a video where Mrs Dyer and Mr Essa will introduce themselves, share pictures and explain what will happen when the children start in Year 4 so they know what to expect ahead of transition week. Please check for this on the school website <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/year-4/> and on Showbie.

Kids Club

If your child is attending Bowerham Kids Club or Casual Club, they will be asked to stay in the classroom until they are picked up by the Kids Club. Please keep staff and Kids Club fully informed if there are any changes to proposed childcare. We also have a casual care club available if needed. More details about the casual care club can be found through the following link: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/casual-care-club/>

Day	Agenda	Information
Daily routines	Lunchtimes	Please talk to your child about the dinner option for that day.
	Communication Diary and Reading Book	Children must bring their communication diary and home reading book into the classroom and put into the correct box. During your child's first week in Year 4 a teacher will hear your child read and a reading book will be allocated. In Year 4, the children will also visit the school's library once a week to enjoy their own choice of book. Please continue to read and enjoy lots of books over the summer. This is more important than ever this year, especially if your child has not been in school.
	Playtimes Snack and Milk	During morning registration children will be able to order a snack to have at playtime. If they would like to order they will need to bring some change with them as this is a payable service. The full snack list with item prices can be found through the following link: https://www.bowerham.co.uk/school-menus/
	Daily Reading and phonics	Children need to read daily.
Monday	Just Write Day/Just Talk	Please ensure children have had the opportunity to do their Talk Homework before their Just Write. This will be available on the website and is given out on the Thursday of the week before. Just Write can take place on any day in a variety of ways. All you need to do is TALK about your ideas with your child.
Monday	P.E day	Children come to school in their full P.E kit (uniform list available on the website)
Thursday	Homework	A homework task is accessible on the homework section of Showbie. It will be updated weekly every Thursday.
Friday	Dress down day	Children can come in their own choice of bottoms and sensible footwear.

Additional information

- It is important that you **clearly label** your child's normal school uniform and their PE kit. A name label pack is available from the uniform shop.
- If someone else is collecting your child from school, please can you indicate this in their communication diary.
- If it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes. If you would like to send a birthday cake, please could you send in biscuits or snacks that are individually wrapped.
- We encourage all parents and visitors to our school not to use mobile phones on our school grounds and to talk and interact with your children at these times.

As always, if you have any queries or issues, your first point of contact should be your class teacher, followed by Lower Key Stage 2 Leader Mrs Thompson.

We look forward to an exciting and fun time in Year 4!

Thank you.

Mrs Dyer, Mr Essa, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Sharma, Ms Belard and Miss Lancaster