



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Year 5 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a HUGE welcome to the new Year 5 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.

Arrival

In September our Year 5 children will enter school through the black school gates. Parents are requested to allow their children to enter the school grounds independently. Year 5 children will enter school via the Pupil Entrance double doors, to Upper Key Stage Two, from 8.30am with an 8.45am start.

Dinner time

Dinner times will be staggered, and Year 5 dinner is 12.15pm-1.00pm with all children going out to play to begin with, in the same areas as at morning playtime. At 12:45pm, all children will then eat their dinners in the dinner hall (school dinners and packed lunches together). The children then go back to class for 1.00pm. We have a one-choice menu (a vegetarian alternative is always available) and this has been incredibly successful for a number of reasons:

- 1) It has reduced anxiety around food choice.
- 2) As children are all eating the same meal, they have offered great encouragement to each other.
- 3) Parents have reported that their children are eating foods that they have never eaten before and this has given parents the reassurance that their child is having a balanced and varied diet. This has supported tea time routines with the children eating different items at home.

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 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.

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

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End-of-day

At the end of the day, the Year 5 children will finish school at 3:05pm and will leave via the same route (from the Pupil Entrance double doors). Parents are **strongly encouraged** to allow their child to leave the school grounds independently and to arrange a nearby meeting place, or for them to walk or cycle home if it is appropriate. If your child requires their parent to collect them on site, we do ask that parents stand near the far wall, observe social distancing rules and children will be sent to the person collecting.

Reports

Children's reports will be available on Showbie in the following location:

My Progress & Achievements > Summer Reports 2021

This will be in year 4 – the year to which the report relates.

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 completing this work will ensure that the momentum of learning is not affected by the 6-week holiday. Alongside this learning, there will also be a video in which Mr Box and Mrs Orford will introduce themselves, share pictures and explain what will happen when the children start in Year 5 so they know what to expect ahead of transition week. Please check for this on the school website at <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/year-5/> and on Showbie.

Folders

One exciting new change for next year is your learning journey folder. We would like you to bring in an A4 lever arch folder from home, plain or patterned (no characters or logos please) for you to put all of your wonderful work in and to give you ownership for your learning journey. This does not need to be done for transition week but ready for September.

Kids Club

If your child is attending Bowerham Kids Club or Casual Club, they will be asked to wait in the hall until they are picked up by 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 5, a teacher will hear your child read using our blended approach of either Bug Club or a reading book. In Year 5, 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	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	Children need to read daily.
Monday (mostly!)	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.
Wednesday	Swimming	Your child will be swimming as part of the Year 5 Curriculum. Please make sure they bring their swimming kits to school on Wednesday mornings. We recommend coming to school with swimming gear under school uniform, for ease of changing at Lancaster University. Please ensure your child has everything they need for drying and changing in a bag for afterwards. Children with long hair will be required to wear a swimming cap.
Thursday	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 Friday.
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 can 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 Upper Key Stage 2 Leader, Mr Haughton.

We are all looking forward to September and an exciting, fun-filled year with our new Y5s!

Kind regards

Mr Box, Mrs Orford, and the Y5 Team