



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Year 1 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a HUGE welcome to the new Year 1 children, parents and carers. This letter outlines the Year 1 routines and how we operate in comparison to Reception.

### Morning Routines (drop off)

Moving to Year 1 is new for the children and the parents too. In September 2021, our Year 1 children will enter school through the green gate which can be accessed from the main car park of school (situated near the School Office), this leads to the Year 1 playground where the children will enter their classrooms. The gate will open at 8.30am, with an 8.50am start. Please ensure your child arrives promptly so learning can begin at 8.50am. Parents will not be able to enter the playground, and we will encourage parents to say their good byes on the gate. There will be one member of staff available on the gate each morning, but we ask that any messages are written in the diary or sent via email.

### Dinner time

At Bowerham our dinner time routines means that our dinner times are staggered, and Year 1 dinner is 11.45am-12.45pm, with children eating at 11.45am in the dinner hall. Children in Year 1 will all get a universal free school meal. During Covid restriction we have only offered a one choice menu, 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 encouraged each other to finish their meal.
- 3) Parents have reported that their children are eating foods that they have never eaten before and 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.

As a result of this feedback we are asking that parents do not send children in with a packed lunch and that all children have a hot school dinner. Please see the menu on the Bowerham website:

<https://www.bowerham.co.uk/school-menus/>

### End of the day routines

At the end of the day parents are invited to collect children from the green gates (where the children were dropped off). The green gates are opened at 3.00pm with a 3.05pm collection. We ask

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that parents **stand away from the gate and observe social distancing rules**, children will be sent to the person collecting by a member of staff.

### **Transition**

On Monday, 12th July, the Reception children will spend the final few days of school in their new classrooms so they can become familiar with the environment, staff and new routines. We have planned lots of fun activities for the children and we cannot wait for them to explore their new classroom!

During the summer holidays there will also be some home learning activities on Showbie for your child to complete at home to support their transition into Year 1. Alongside the home learning activities, there will also be a video where Miss Denison and Miss Maguire will introduce themselves and we will share pictures and explain what will happen when the children start in Year 1 so they know what to expect. Please check for this on the Bowerham School website and Facebook page.

### **Showbie**

As part of the transition to Year 1, a Showbie account has been created for each child and parent, your login details will be sent to you so you are able to explore this new learning platform. Showbie used across school from Year 1 to Year 6 as part of our blended approach between home and school.

Showbie has a 'class discussion' feature, and a complete user guide will be accessible here for parents and carers to familiarise themselves with. Each week homework will be uploaded in addition to your child's weekly lessons, so you will be able to access what we are learning weekly. We will also share photographs and videos of any fun events we take part in for you to see.


### **Bug Club**

In Year 1 we will continue to use the Bug Club reading scheme alongside reading books, please write in your child's diary which book and page they are currently on so we can continue this between home and school as part of our blended approach to reading.

### **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	Login Details	Showbie log in details are in the front of the child's communication diary - all other log in details will be on Showbie under the My Help tab.
	Lunchtimes	Please talk to your child about the dinner option for that day.
	Free School Meals	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.
	Communication Diary and Reading Book	Children must bring their communication diary into the classroom and put into the correct box each day. They will be given a group and shown which box belongs to their group. During your child's first week in Year 1 a teacher will hear your child read and a reading book will be allocated. In Year 1, 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 as this is a crucial part of your child's learning.
	Snack and Milk	<p>Throughout the morning the children will have snack time where they will be able to make their own toast, have fruit and have a drink. Please provide your child with a water bottle that they are able to re-fill throughout the day.</p> <p>If you wish for your child to have milk each week this is a payable service through Cool Milk - please follow the attached link for information (<a href="http://.coolmilk.com">http://.coolmilk.com</a>). If you wish your child to have milk you need to contact cool milk directly.</p>
Monday	Just Write Day/Chatter Matters	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	P.E day	Children come to school in their full P.E kit (uniform list available on the website)
Friday	Homework  Dress down day	<p>Spellings, task homework and Chatter Matters will be uploaded to Showbie.</p> <p>Children can come in their own choice of bottoms and sensible footwear.</p>
<b><u>Additional information</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important that you <b>clearly label</b> your child's normal school uniform and their PE kit. A name label pack is available from the uniform shop.</li> <li>• If someone else is collecting your child from school, please can you indicate this in their communication diary.</li> <li>• If it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes. If you would like to send cake, biscuits and sweets please ensure that they are individually wrapped.</li> <li>• We encourage all parents and visitors to our school not to use mobile phones on our school</li> </ul>		

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 Key Stage 1 Leader Miss Denison.

**We look forward to an exciting and fun time in Year 1!**

Thank you,

Miss Denison, Miss Maguire, Miss Kay, Miss Heydon, Mrs Eade and Miss Bramhall.