



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: School Admission September 2023

We are delighted to have been informed by the Local Authority that your child has been offered a place at our school in September 2023.

Over the last couple of years, we have found that some of our new ways of working have worked better for some families, so our induction programme will be a blended approach – via video, zoom & in person. Therefore, we have set out all the important dates for you and your child below.

As you can see from the Induction Timetable our first date for your diary is this Friday 21st April where you and your child can watch a loom video which hopefully will answer all your questions and also include a tour of our Reception class.

On our website, you will find a 'Reception Information' tab <https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/reception-2023-induction-and-forms/> which will have all the admission forms and information you need for a smooth start to Bowerham. Please download and complete the forms and e-mail them to admissions@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk If you require a paper copy please ring the school office on 01524 63999.

We do ask that everyone completes the Free School Meal form even though your child will receive Universal Free Schools up to the end of year 2. **Free school meal funding does not just** provide your child with a free school lunch but it also gives significant **additional funding** to the school and helps parents if costs of any school trips that come along. Schools receive **£1320 for each eligible child**. This is why it is **really important** that parents **still apply** for free school meals – our school relies on this funding to provide our children and families with outstanding opportunities. This is a really easy exercise that only takes a couple of minutes but the benefits are huge!

Further, on in the term we would like to invite you as parents to a face-to-face meeting in school on Wednesday 14th June at 2.15pm or 5.00pm. This meeting will answer all your questions, worries or concerns (if you have any), it will also give you the opportunity to meet with Bowerham Kids Club, our Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Team and our SEN Support Team. As you already know, a partnership with parents is really important at Bowerham as what happens in a child's early life matters for their whole lifetime.

The rest of the induction timetable involves bringing your child to school so they can familiarise themselves in preparation for starting big school in September.

You will also be receiving an activation email for both Parentapp and Tapestry. It is important that you activate these services as quickly as possible.

Parentapp

This is our only form of communication and all parents are asked to download the app. The app is completely free of charge and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It supports both Apple iOS and Android devices and you'll be able to see information for your child(ren) instantly!

You will need to install the app by visiting the app store/google play and downloading. An activation link will be sent directly to your email. Once you have done this you will be able to book a new to Reception Class meeting and also a Classroom and Playground visit.

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*The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration,
inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing
Society.*



Tapestry

Every child in Reception Class will be set up with an online journal called Tapestry. You will find lots of useful information on Tapestry about what is happening in Reception Class. This journal will also document your child's progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff will upload photographs and observations of your child's learning and development. You will also be encouraged to upload observations of your child's learning from home.

It is important that you activate your child's account as soon as possible so that you can start uploading photographs and observations to show us what you are doing at home. There is also an 'About Me' section to complete prior to your child starting school in September. An activation link will be sent directly to your email. Please use the link in the activation email to log in for the first time.

We know that starting school is such a big step for you and your child and so we promise to try to make it as easy and enjoyable as possible. Please see the induction programme for you and your child below.

We look forward to meeting you, however if you have any questions before then please do not hesitate to contact us or visit our website, www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to our Bowerham family.

Yours sincerely
Jo Banks

Parent Information Presentation & Classroom Tour Loom Video Bowerham Website	Online Friday 21 st April	
Information Meeting – an opportunity to ask any questions about your child starting school that we have not already answered but this is not as important as the Parent Zoom Meeting. (Bowerham Sports Hall)	Wednesday 14 th June	2.15pm – 3.00pm 5.00pm – 5.45pm
Stay & Play with parents (Bowerham Sport's Hall)	Thursday 22 nd June Thursday 29 th June Thursday 6 th July	9.00am -10.30am
Parent Zoom Meet the Teacher (this will need booking via Parentapp when you receive a prompt)	Monday 17 th July https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84893677625 Tuesday 18 th July https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044887267	9.00am – 3.00pm
Playground visit with Parents (this will need booking via Parentapp when you receive a prompt)	Wednesday 19 th July	9.00am - 10.30am 11.00am - 12.30pm 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Classroom visit without Parents You will find out what group your child is in through communication via Tapestry	Friday 1 st September	9.00am – 11.00am -Bumblebees 1.00pm – 3.00pm - Ladybirds
	Monday 4 th September	9.00am – 11.00am - Dragonflies 1.00pm – 3.00pm - Butterflies
	Tuesday 5 th September	9.00am – 11.00am - Butterflies 1.00pm – 3.00pm –Bumblebees
	Wednesday 6 th September	9.00am – 11.00am - Ladybirds 1.00pm – 3.00pm – Dragonflies
Start School full time	Thursday 7 th September	9.00am – 3.10pm