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## 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 8:45am. Home time is 3:15pm  
The year 2 gate opens at 8:30am for school to start at 8:45am. Home time is 3:15pm

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 & Casual Care Club - Bowerham School](#)

What do I wear to school?

For information on the school uniform please visit the uniform page on the school website.  
[Uniform - Bowerham School](#)

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 (year 2) or Tapestry (year 1).  
**Just talk/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.  
**Maths** – Your teachers will set a weekly maths challenge for you to do at home that links to the learning you have done that week in school.



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 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.

Is there a library?

Yes, you will visit the KS1 library 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. You can either choose to have a hot school lunch, or you can bring in a packed lunch. 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.

School dinners: For more information on how to pay for school dinners or to check whether you are eligible for free school meal funding please look on the website. You will also find a 3-week menu on the website so you can plan ahead for lunch options. [School Meals - Bowerham School](#)

Packed lunches: You will place your packed lunch on your class 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.

At lunch time each year group is allocated an area of the school grounds to play in which changes weekly. This is between; the MUGA, field, trim trail or playground.

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 every day and once a week 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?

There are 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.

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

Is there a school council?

Yes, we have many pupil councils that run at Bowerham. We have a pupil SLT, school council, eco council, arts council, sports council and STEM council.

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

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

The eco council focuses on environmental activities and projects.

The arts council work on creative projects.

The sports council meet to discuss how to improve our sport offer.

The STEM council explore and engage with science, technology, engineering, and maths initiatives.

When is PE?

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.

Each year group also takes part in daily exercise which includes activities such as relays, fitness challenges and the daily mile.

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 is Showbie and Tapestry?

In Year 1, we use Tapestry to share your learning. Tapestry is an app/ website where your teachers will upload photos and comments to show what you have been doing at school, and your grown-ups can look at these at home. You can also upload your own photos and comments to show what you have been doing at home. Sometimes your teachers will set activities on Tapestry too – this might be your homework or tasks to help you with your learning in class.

We use Showbie in year 2. Showbie is an app/website that you will use to find lots of useful information including your homework, curriculum overviews and termly reports. You will also use Showbie to complete some activities in school.

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. The teacher picks one at random at the end of the day. 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 certificate in assembly.
- **citizen of the week** – your teacher will choose a citizen of the week each week who has shown a certain quality and the winner gets a certificate in assembly.
- **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 do not make the right 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:

- A non-verbal acknowledgment. The teacher may look at you, move closer or gently touch your shoulder.
- 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.
- Give you a first warning.
- Give you a final warning.
- Give you a yellow card. This is where you will have 20 minutes alone time to complete a 'think sheet' and will talk through your behaviour choices with an adult.
- Give you a red card. This is where you will have 60 minutes alone time and complete a 'think sheet' and will talk through your behaviour choices with an adult.

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)