



Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

"Every child is cherished as a unique individual" – Ofsted 2012

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'All things are possible'

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Dear Parents / Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday 6th September.

I am writing with some important information and reminders, please read carefully.

School Start and Finish Time

We continue to operate a drop off time between 8:45am – 8:55am for KS1 and KS2 pupils to enter via the school yard, helping to reduce congestion around Moorside. We ask though, that you try to ensure that your child is not on school grounds prior to 8:45am.

Should you be running late, an adult will need to bring your child into the Main Office where they will be asked to sign them in.

Nursery and Reception doors open from 8.45 - 8.55am and finish at 3:30pm and they will enter and leave via the Foundation Stage doors.

Years 1 and 2 finish at 3:25pm and will leave via your selected gate preference.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 finish at 3.30pm and will leave via your selected gate preference.

If you would like to change which gate you collect your child from please let us know by completing a [Gate Preference Form](#).

Collection Arrangements

Any person who collects your child from school must be aware of your child's password before they are dismissed. If any collection arrangements have changed, our records can be amended at any time throughout the year, either adding or removing a person, by completing the [change of details form](#)

Permission to Walk Home

If you give your child permission to walk home (KS2 only) on their own and have not previously informed us of this, please complete the [change of details form](#). A child will not be allowed to walk home on their own unless we have received this in writing from the parent / carer.

Uniform

Please ensure full school uniform is worn including the correct footwear. Please be reminded that jewellery should not be worn and hair should not be dyed or shaved. Please refer to our website for more information on our [School Uniform Policy](#).

We politely ask that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name, including coats and shoes.

We continue to have our pre-loved uniform available to browse and help yourself to, located in the foyer of the main school office. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations!



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Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy is committed to the protection and safety of its pupils and staff.

PE Days

Monday – Year 1 (class 1) and Year 6
Tuesday - Year 1/2 (class 2) and Year 5
Wednesday – Year 2 (class 3) and Year 3
Thursday – Year 4 (swimming – need kit)

Please note that correct PE kit should be worn (no leggings, this includes cycling shorts and no netball skirts etc) please follow this link for full PE Kit uniform policy [School Uniform Policy](#).

Wellies

All wellies were taken home at the end of last term. Please don't forget to send your child in with their wellies, so they can participate in OPAL during wet weather.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Breakfast Club runs each school day from 7.45am and Afterschool Club runs from the end of the school day until 6:00pm.

In order to book places for Breakfast and Afterschool Club, a contract must be completed in advance. Once the contract is received, your child will be added to the register to book. Please click on the link to complete a [Breakfast/ Afterschool Club Contract](#).

Sessions must be booked and paid for in advance via SchoolMoney before the registers close (12:00am the previous night). However, if you do require your child to attend Afterschool Club after the register has been closed, please contact the School Office who will check to see if we have any spaces available and we will book your child in on your behalf if there is capacity. Payment will be taken over the phone to secure your space.

If you plan on using Tax Free Childcare or vouchers to pay for these sessions, these also need to be paid in advance and we recommend topping up your account before you need to make any bookings. Please contact the school office for more information on this, or on any other School Money related queries.

Lunch Prices

Reminder that lunch prices have increased to £2.41 per day for KS2 children and £2.20 for Nursery. Please ensure that your account is topped up at the start of each week to cover the cost of the meals.

Water Bottles

Each pupil will be provided with a water bottle to keep in school. Please do not send your child into school with their own water bottle. School will ensure that each child's water bottle is cleaned regularly.

Schoolz Out Clubs

More information will be sent out regarding these clubs within the coming weeks.

Term Dates

Please follow this link to the school website to view our calendar detailing term dates and INSET days for the coming year. [Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

We are trying to minimise how much paper we use, so all of our communication will be sent via email or go on our Facebook page and reminders sent out with pupils. Please refer to the school website for updated information.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher