



Beechwood Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our final day of the academic year, we wanted to share information regarding arrangements for our return to school in September. Hopefully you'll find the following useful.

For all children, the school term will begin on **Thursday 5th September at 8:30am**. Just as a reminder, here are our school day hours:

School Day Hours

8:30am – 3:30pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am – 12:50pm. Friday

Reception Class

For children joining us in Reception in September, they will attend from **8:30am to 11:00pm** on Thursday 5th September and from **8:30am to 12:50pm** on Friday 6th September. Children will then commence full days on week commencing Monday 9th September 2024, see school day hours above.

Nursery pupils will continue with their current hours.

Class name	Teacher's name	Drop off and collection point
Foundation Stage		
Brahms (Nursery)	Mrs Abbot (M,T,W) and Mrs McCarthy (Th,F)	Pod 7
Mozart (Reception)		
Key Stage 1		
Price Year 1/2	Mrs Townsend	Pods 5 and 6
Vivaldi Year 1/2	Mrs Gruszka (M,T,W) and Mrs Carroll (Th, F)	
Zimmer Year 1/2	Miss Gardner	
Key Stage 2		
Lloyd Webber (Year 3)	Miss Watson and Mrs Rust	Pods 2 and 3
Holst (Year 4/5)	Miss Tumilty	
Dun (year 4/5)	Miss Matthews	
Bernstein (Year 4/5)	Miss Pumphrey	
Elgar (Year 6)	Miss Giles	
Tchaikovsky (Year 6)	Mr Poole	Pod 1

School uniform

All children are expected to be in school uniform, including the correct school shoes. We will continue to wear PE kits to school on PE days. Please ensure all uniform is labelled, so that uniform can be returned if lost.

A reminder that all children in Nursery and Foundation should not be wearing earrings and for any other child, they should not wear them on their PE day, unless they can remove them and put them back in independently. Any earrings should only be a stud and no bigger than 5mm in diameter.

Uniform

Compulsory Elements	Optional Elements
Navy blue: <ul style="list-style-type: none">school jumper with or without school logo, orschool cardigan with or without school logo <p>*Note: no other jumpers or hoodies may be worn in place of the school jumper.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beechwood: blue gingham dress (summer months)
Grey or Black: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Trousers (no jeans/tracksuit bottoms please)ShortsSkirt or pinafore dress	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">White shirt (long or short sleeved) orPlain white polo-shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">White polo-shirt with school logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">White, black or grey socksPlain black, blue or grey tights (no leggings)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black, flat, sensible, safe shoes (no trainers, no Crocs or similar and no visible branding please) orPlain black ankle height boots (no calf or full-length boots) and no heels <p>(INCLUDING MUFTI DAYS)</p>	
PE/Sports kit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">TrainersBlack shortsWhite t-shirtPlain sweatshirt, black jogging bottoms (winter)Please do not wear hoodies as part of the PE kit or school uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PE bag with school logoWhite polo-shirt with school logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any headwear worn for religious or cultural reasons should be plain and of a dark colour	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coats: (hoodies and jumpers are not to be worn as coats)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">School bag/packed lunch box as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School book bag

PE Days

Each week your child will be having PE sessions. We will let you know on which days your child will be having PE on their return to school in September.

Pupils will not need to wear PE uniform on either Thursday 5th or Friday 6th September.

Further information regards uniform can be found on our school website in the school uniform policy.

[Beechwood Primary Academy - Home \(beechwood-primary.co.uk\)](http://beechwood-primary.co.uk)

Medicines

If your child requires an inhaler or regular prescribed medication, you **must** ensure that the medication is in date, and that you have completed a new medical form with Ms Roscoe or Mrs Critchlow for each academic year. If there is anything new that we need to know, please ensure that this is communicated as well.

School Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please remember for those children moving into Year 3 (and for those in Y4, 5 and 6), school dinners are paid for via parent pay (unless you are entitled to FSM). Please email (beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) or call the school office on 01752 706360 if you think you are now eligible for this. If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals, applications can be made through the Citizen Portal, which can be accessed using the following link: [Free school meals | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#).

Attendance

A letter was sent home recently outlining the changes regarding school attendance, absences from school and penalty notice changes, which come into effect from August this year. This information also went out on the newsletter yesterday.

Please see information from Plymouth City Council regarding attendance using the following link: [School attendance, absence and penalty notices | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#).

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please contact school to inform us of your child's absence on day 1. If your child is unwell for several days, you must continue to make contact each day to inform us of this. If no contact is made, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by the Plymouth City Council.

We have continued to work with our families to support all children to continue to attend school regularly. If you need any further support, please speak to Ms Roscoe in the school office, Mr Randall, Mrs Rama-Dominguez or myself, who will be more than happy to help.

Contact and Information Sharing

In an ever-changing world, we are moving to a more electronic means of communication. If you have not done so, please ensure you have set up your **Parent pay** account so that emails can be shared with you.

If you change your email address or contact number, please update this information on your ParentPay to ensure you continue to receive communications from school. If you could let Ms Roscoe or Mrs. Critchlow know of any changes that would be great as we can then update our school records.

In addition to this, we also have our school website and our Facebook page, which will be updated regularly with information regarding key dates or to share updates on your child's learning. The official Facebook page for the school is :

Please ensure you have liked our page, using the following link [Beechwood Primary Academy | Plymouth | Facebook](#) to receive regular updates, reminders and key information.

We continue to ask that contact to the school is made via phone or email, using the information provided above. Messages can also be passed on to a member of staff in the morning to the adult on the door. All children will be brought out to you at the end of the day. If you wish to catch the class teacher at the end of the day, please respectfully wait until all the children have been collected.

Welcome meeting – Wednesday 11th September

We invite parents to come and join us for our Welcome Meeting on Wednesday 11th September at 3:30pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to meet the team, find out key information related to your child's year group and learn more about events planned across the school year. Please arrive through the black gates outside the dining hall, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision

Breakfast Club will continue from 7:30am to 8:30am Monday to Friday and After School provision will continue to be available through Southway Playcare from Thursday 5th September. Their contact details are 07731830522. if you'd like to book a place.

Breakfast Club will continue to be available to book on **Parent Pay** from Wednesday 24th July 2024 for September. As now, Breakfast Club spaces **must** be booked in advance of your child attending. Please speak to Ms Roscoe in the school office if you require any support with this.

I hope you all have a fantastic Summer Break. The Beechwood team and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Thursday 5th September** to begin the new school year.

Mr Arnold
Senior Head of School