

Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
NN12 8RD
September 1st 2022

Returning to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of the staff at Blakesley CE Primary are really looking forward to welcoming your children back into school and welcoming our new reception pupils on Monday 5th September, after what we hope has been a happy and relaxing break for you all.

Staffing structure

Outlined in the table below is our staffing structure for the academic year ahead. Also included is the organisation of all of our Teaching Assistants showing which year groups they will be supporting. We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Elaine Jeffery, as a Teaching Assistant, who will be working with our youngest children.

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Teaching assistant
Class 4	Y5+Y6	Mrs Rose	Mrs Burt
Class 3	Y3+Y4	Miss Bradbury	Miss King
Class 2	Y1+Y2	Mrs D'Costa	Mrs Dugdale
Class 1	Reception	Mrs Cox	Mrs Jeffery

Mrs Klegeris will continue to provide cover around school where required and will teach Class 2 on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Mrs Spencer is part of our SEND team and will be providing 1:1 support across the school.

Arrangements for start/end of school day

At the start of the school day, children may enter the school between 8.40am and 8.50am. Their class teacher will greet them at the allocated entrances (see table below). At the end of the day, all parents need to go to the Pick-Up Location (see table below) and your child will be brought to you.

Class/Year group	Drop off time Gates /doors open	Drop off Location	Pick up time	Pick up Location
Class 1 Reception	8.40-8.50am	Old School Entrance	3.05pm	Old School Entrance
Class 2 Y1+Y2	8.40-8.50am	Main school entrance at front of school	3.05pm	Main school entrance at front of school
Class 3 Y3+Y4	8.40-8.50am	Hillcroft View Side entrance gate	3.15pm	Parents can come onto playground through Hillcroft View Gates will be open around 3.10pm
Class 4 Y5+Y6	8.40-8.50am	Hillcroft View Side entrance gate	3.15pm	Parents can come onto playground through Hillcroft View Gates will be open around 3.10pm

Parents in Key Stage 2 are still able to come onto the playground through the school gates on Hillcroft View. The gates should be opened around 3.10pm. All younger siblings accompanying parents must be kept under close supervision. To avoid accidents or mishaps, please keep children from playing on the playground or with equipment.

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Uniform

We want all of our children to be proud of wearing their 'Blakesley badge' so our uniform must be seen as an important part of our school identity. However, some slight changes have been made to our school uniform and PE kit. In time, we are trying to replace all grey items with black.

Our uniform and kit for 2022-23 will be as follows:

School Uniform

- Red Blakesley jumper, v-neck or crew neck, or cardigan
- White Blakesley polo shirt
- Red gingham dress
- Black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses
- Black or white socks or black tights
- Black school shoes (no trainers or astros)

PE Kit

- Red crew neck PE T-shirt
- Black shorts or skirts
- Black hoodie (unbranded)
- Black tracksuit bottoms or joggers (unbranded)
- Trainers (rather than plimsolls)

Bright clothing or day-glo colours, particularly socks are not school uniform. Please ensure your child is dressed correctly. This request applies to footwear too. Trainers should only be worn on PE days, otherwise proper black school shoes should be worn. Should you require additional information please check our website.

[Blakesley CE Primary School - School Uniform \(blakesleyprimary.org.uk\)](https://www.blakesleyprimary.org.uk)

Wearing PE Kit

From a safeguarding point of view, for maintaining privacy and avoiding time wasting, we will continue with pupils wearing PE kit to school, until further notice. Where children have sporting clubs after school and are not doing PE that day eg. Hotshots, provision will be made for them to bring their PE kit into school and they will be able to change after the school day.

For the first day of school, September 5th, it is expected that all children will wear their full school uniform. Leigh Churchward will be continuing teaching PE sessions on a Monday and Tuesday as well as leading some staff training. However, the PE timetable below starts on Tuesday 6th September. Mrs Cox will send out information about PE arrangements for Reception class (Class1) on Tapestry.

PE Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 Yr 3 + Yr 4	Class 3 Yr 3 + Yr 4		Class 2 Yr 1 + Yr 2	Class 2 Yr 1 + Yr 2
Class 4 Yr 5 + Yr 6	Class 4 Yr 5 + Yr 6			

Please note this timetable may be subject to change.

Wrap around care

Wrap around care will be provided starting from Monday 5th September 2022 with the timings;

- Before school: from 8am (£4.50 per session)
- After school: until 5.30pm (2 sessions: Session 1, 3.15pm – 4.30pm, Session 2, 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Each session is chargeable at £4.50)

ALL bookings must be made and paid for in advance. Please arrange this by contacting Cassandra Bowman on her email address: C.Bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk

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Home to School Transport

The School transport will be running its normal service. Bus passes are issued from www.northamptonshire.gov.uk Please notify the school office regarding family arrangements if using the school bus.

Water bottles and snacks- Nut free please.

Morning time fresh fruit/healthy snacks can be brought into school. These should be in a sealed bag that is labelled and disposable. Please ensure all snacks and foods are 'Nut free'. We have to be very mindful of allergies.

The expectation regarding drinks is that children should only be bringing water to school for consumption throughout the day. Squash is strongly discouraged and will continue to be so, especially as there is such strong scientific evidence that it can lead to tooth decay. Plain water is always best, but it may be flavoured with frozen fruit or mint leaves. Please note that a small carton of fruit juice with a packed lunch is different and acceptable.

Only water will be permitted in classrooms. If there are any medical issues as to why a child cannot drink water, a discussion with the head teacher needs to be held.

Mrs Cox will send out information about snack table and water bottle arrangements for Reception class on Tapestry.

Lunches

Please ensure all school dinners required are booked, via Dolce, in advance. For convenience, it is possible to book a term block of school dinners using the link <https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/> If booking dinners on a daily basis, please be aware that there is a cut off time of 8:30am in the morning.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure the office is informed before 9am, either by email or by telephoning. All absences from school are investigated, and reasons given recorded.

The issuing of fines, however unfair families might feel this is, is more likely now if holidays in term time are to be taken. All holidays taken in term time are unauthorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Last year our school attendance was approximately 96%, which was above the national average. However, we are still aiming to improve on this figure.

COVID-19

Sadly, despite being out of the news, COVID has not gone away. Pupils should not come into school if they have any of the symptoms of COVID19. Please note parents may still be asked to collect children if they develop a temperature, display any symptoms at school or seem unwell.

I hope the information presented is helpful. A list of dates for the School Calendar will follow shortly as will details about clubs, events and our Code of Conduct.

Once again we all look forward to seeing and welcoming all of your children back to school.

Kind regards,

Laurie Hill
Headteacher

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