



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Year 5 2020-2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a HUGE welcome to the new Year 5 children and parents/carers. This is a quick update of any changes to routines that you may need to know about how our Bowerham Family will be operating in September. With government guidance and in line with the Bowerham Primary and Nursery School recovery plan and risk assessment Year 5 will be operating as a Year 5 mini family. This means that the children of Year 5 will not be mixing with any other year group in school and we will have our breaks and dinner times separating from others.

### Morning Routines (drop off)

In September our Year 5 children will enter school through the black school gates. Due to social distancing rules parents are requested to allow their children to enter the school grounds independently. Year 5 children will enter school via the main pupil entrance from 8:30am with an 8.55am start in class for registration.

### Dinner time

Dinner time routines have had to change due to Covid restrictions. This means that our dinner times are staggered and Year 5 dinner is 12.15pm-1.00pm with all children eating at 12.45pm in the dinner hall. This will be those children on school lunches and those with lunches from home too. At 12:15pm, the children will be going out to play in the same areas as at morning playtime (see above). During Covid restriction we have only offered a one choice menu and this has been incredibly successful for a number of reasons.

- 1) It has reduced anxiety around food choice.
- 2) As children are all eating the same meal they have encouraged each other.
- 3) Parents have reported that their children are eating foods that they have never eaten before and has given parents the reassurance that their child is having a balanced and varied diet. This has supported tea time routines with the children eating different items at home.

Please see the menu on the Bowerham website: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/school-menus/>

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### **End of the day routines**

At the end of the day children will exit school at 3.15pm via the same way they came in, out through the pupil gate; parents will not be permitted on the yard. Again, we encourage parents to allow their children to walk or cycle home - if possible - or pick up further away from school.

### **Transition**

On Friday, 10th July, there will be a transition choice board going onto the website that we have created. This will have transition activities on it that the children will be able to complete over the summer holidays, in order to prepare them for transition when we return. Alongside the transition board, there will also be a video where Mrs Box and Miss Lloyd will introduce themselves, and we will share pictures and explain what will happen when the children start in Year 5 so they know what to expect. Please see the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4vrXP7LlOc>

As the children's time in Year 4 has unfortunately been cut short; when we return in September, initially, in Year 5, we will continue to follow the Year 4 curriculum. This will help ensure the transition from Year 4 to Year 5 is as smooth as possible for the children and to establish a firm foundation of the Year 4 curriculum before starting the Year 5 curriculum.

### **Kids Club**

If your child is attending Bowerham Kids Club or Casual Club, they will be asked to stay in the classroom until they are picked up by the Kids Club. Please keep staff and Kids Club fully informed if there are any changes to proposed childcare. We also have a casual care club available if needed. More details about the casual care club can be found through the following link: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/casual-care-club/>

Day	Agenda	Information
Daily routines	Lunchtimes	Please talk to your child about the dinner option for that day.
	Communication Diary and Reading Book	Children must bring their communication diary and home reading book into the classroom. During your child's first week in Year 5 a teacher will hear your child read and a reading book will be allocated. In Year 5, the children will also visit the school's library once a week to enjoy their own choice of book. Please continue to read and enjoy lots of books over the summer. This is more important than ever this year, especially if your child has not been in school.
	Playtimes	Children can bring a snack to school for morning playtime - this should be a healthy snack such as a breakfast bar, piece of fruit or something similar. Snacks are also available to purchase from the school kitchen, with items ranging from 20p - 50p in price. The breakfast bar will also be open in the mornings from 8.30-8.40 for children in Key Stage 2.
	Daily Reading	Children need to read daily.
Monday	Just Write Day	Please ensure children have had the opportunity to do their Talk Homework before their Just Write. This will be available on the website and is given out on the Thursday of the week before. Just Write can take place on any day (usually on a Monday) in a variety of ways. All you need to do is TALK about your ideas with your child.
Monday	P.E day	Children come to school in their full P.E kit (uniform list available on the website)
Thursday	Homework	Homework will be set on Thursdays, and consist of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk Homework for Just Write (please see above)</li> <li>• Maths (usually on MyMaths)</li> <li>• Sometimes there may be other work linked to foundation subjects</li> </ul> <p>Homework is to be completed by the following Tuesday, and due to the circumstances surrounding COVID and the lockdown, homework will now be compulsory for children in Year 5. This will help in supporting the children in their learning and to close the gaps.</p>
Friday	Homework	Children can come in their own choice of bottoms and sensible footwear. New spellings are given to practise for the following Friday

**Additional information**

- It is important that you **clearly label** your child's normal school uniform and their PE kit. A name label pack is available from the uniform shop.
- If someone else is collecting your child from school, please can you indicate this in their communication diary.
- If it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes. If you would like to send a birthday cake, please could you send in biscuits or snacks that are individually wrapped.
- We encourage all parents and visitors to our school not to use mobile phones on our school grounds and to talk and interact with your children at these times.

As always, if you have any queries or issues, your first point of contact should be your class teacher, followed by Upper Key Stage Two Leader, Mr Haughton, and then Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Bouweraerts.

**We look forward to an exciting and fun time in Year 5!**

Thank you.

Mr Box, Miss Lloyd, Mrs Harris, Miss Casson, Miss Lancaster, Mrs Richardson, and Mr Grubic