



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW Y6 PARENTS AND CARERS

September Opening

Tuesday 1 September - Teacher Education Day, as scheduled.

**Wednesday 2 September - Year 6 start and Transition Day.
School will be open to Year 6 pupils only.**

Thursday 3 September - school will be open to all children and will be a Wellbeing Day and form based.

Friday 4 September - normal timetable.

**These arrangements will only be in place if the
Government and DfE issue a directive for schools to take
all pupils back.**

Form Groups and Timetables

This year, we have pupils coming from twenty first schools, including our designated first schools and schools who are only sending one pupil to us. We talk to all of our Year 5 teachers and SENDCos, who provide us with an overview of each child. We then use this information to allocate pupils to a form group. We do our very best to get the right balance and mix of pupils in each form group. We do have more girls joining us this year than boys.

For timetabling purposes, the school is divided into two halves: Avon, Brook and Castle are on the X-side.

Hill, Tower and Vale are on the Y-side.

Bredon Hill Academy follows a secondary school model where pupils move around the school for lessons with specialist subject teachers. In Year 6, pupils study maths, English, science, French, history, geography, art, RE, PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) and PE. Maths and English are taught in learning groups according to ability. These groups will be determined after the pupils have started at BHA and will be comprised of a mix of pupils but retaining the X-Side and Y-Side split. For all other subjects, pupils are taught with their form group, except for PE where boys and girls are taught separately.

Pupils have their own timetable which will be issued on their first day in school.

The Year 6 team:

Year 6 Leader – Mrs Claire Matthews
cmatthews@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

Year 6 Tutors and email addresses

6 Avon – Mr Phil Baston 6ATutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

6 Brook – Mrs Meriel Ford 6BTutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

6 Castle – Mrs Jade Merrick 6CTutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

6 Hill – Mrs Kelly Parkinson 6HTutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

6 Tower – Mrs Rebekah Pilling 6TTutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

6 Vale – Miss Emma Lloyd 6VTutor@bredon.worcs.sch.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

My child has special educational needs. What provision do you have?

Mr Timpson is our SENCO. He has already liaised with our first schools who have exchanged all relevant SEN information with us. Please refer to our Learning Support webpage in the Our School section. This outlines how we identify, assess and make provision for pupils with SEN. In this section you will also find a list of the interventions we use to support our pupils.

What are the rules regarding mobiles phones and other electronic devices in school?

Pupils do not need a phone in school. Mobile phones must be switched off and placed in bags at all times. If you need to contact your child during the day, please leave a message with the school office who will pass this on. We do not permit the use of mobile phones during school time and should a member of staff see a pupil using one, the phone will be removed and kept in the office until a parent or carer can collect it. The school will not be responsible for any theft or damage to mobile phones or other electronic devices brought into school. Please see our Pupil Personal Electronic Devices Agreement form that has already been sent to you.

When can pupils eat and drink in school?

Pupils may drink water throughout the day. They should all bring a bottle which may be refilled using the school water fountains. Pupils may eat twice a day – at break and at lunch time. Pupils can bring a healthy snack for break and a packed lunch. Alternatively, our canteen serves toast, crumpets and

teacakes at break for 20p each and has a range of hot and cold food at lunch time. Our website shows the weekly menus. All food purchased in the canteen should be paid for in advance using ParentPay. See the ParentPay information enclosed in the welcome pack. Free school meals are available for children whose parents are in receipt of Income Support. Application forms for free meals are available on the school website in the Statutory Information Area under the heading 'Pupil Premium'.

Will pupils have lockers?

Pupils each have a locker near their form room. Pupils should bring a key ring – ideally a flexible one that attaches to a blazer pocket.

How can I best support my child in Year 6 at BHA?

Help your child to be organised but allow them to organise themselves rather than doing it for them. Ensure they pack their own bag the night before; don't be tempted to do it for them! Encourage them to check off what they need against their timetable. Teach them how to put a reminder in their planner for anything extra to remember. Make sure they have a secure place for their bus pass. Make sure ALL uniform and equipment is clearly labelled.

How can I support my child in making new friends?

Remind your child that everyone is in the same boat when they start. Talk to them about ways to initiate a conversation if they find this difficult. Reassure them that good friendships take time to develop and they must not panic if they haven't made a friend immediately. Encourage them to join in clubs and

become involved in school life. This is a good way to make friends with pupils in other forms.

How much homework will my child be expected to do?

In general, we follow a homework timetable which will be available for parents and carers. This will be available on our website. Occasionally pupils may be set a little extra. In Year 6, we expect 30 minutes of homework a night from pupils and we also ask that pupils read **aloud** for 30 minutes every day. If the homework is taking longer than 30 minutes, please do not allow your child to struggle to do more. Write a note in your child's planner for the teacher concerned so they are aware of this.

My child has not been in school during lockdown. How can I prepare them for transition to Bredon Hill Academy?

Please look at our website and discuss it with your child. There are video clips from Year 6 tutors there and other useful links that may help. We will be very conscious of pupils feeling extra nervous about joining us this September and it is our priority to make them feel at home. Please practise times tables and continue to listen to your child read over summer.

How can I communicate with my child's tutor?

All pupils are given planners. You can use this to write a note to any teacher or the tutor. We also expect this to be signed by a parent or carer weekly. Email addresses for tutors are shown at the beginning of this booklet.

What do I do if my child is ill or has an appointment during school hours?

Please telephone or email school by 8:30am if you know your child is not well enough to attend school. Thereafter, parents should contact the school every day to keep the school informed of ongoing illness. This is important as the school is required to publish numbers of unauthorised absences. If your child has an appointment during school hours, wherever possible, the pupil should attend school first and then attend the appointment at the appropriate time. It is essential for the school to know about any medical or physical condition likely to affect your child's progress. Do please keep us fully informed about any such condition.

How do I know what is happening in school?

We are endeavour to use online information as much as possible. It is essential that we have a current email address of all parents as we are aiming not to send letters home. We regularly post our news on our website as well as Twitter and Facebook.