



# **Welcome to a new year at Bearwood!**

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# Our Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Smith  
Headteacher



Mrs Goodfellow  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Lyster  
SENCO



Mrs Tuley  
Operations Manager



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### **Help Me Belong**

Foster a sense of identity, inclusion, and community.



### **Hear My Voice**

Listen to my ideas, opinions, and feelings with respect.



### **Provide Me with Great Opportunities**

Open doors to new experiences, cultures, and possibilities.



### **Ignite My Ambition**

Inspire me to dream big and believe in my potential.



### **Teach Me Well and Let Me Live My Learning**

Deliver high-quality teaching and real-world learning experiences.



### **Empower Me to Be a Change Agent and a Good Citizen**

Help me to shape the future and build the community I want to be a valued part of.



### **Discover My Talents**

Help me uncover and nurture what makes me unique.



### **Keep Me Safe and Well**

Support my physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

Our  
Bearwood  
Belief



## Ready

Arrive at school on time, equipment ready, uniform looking smart, work hard and good listening.



## Respectful

Be respectful – friendly and polite, listen when others speak, take turns, help others and look after the property of our friends and the school.



## Safe

Use kind hands, feet and words to help keep us and others safe, move around school in a safe manner, listen and follow instructions, use equipment safely and tell an adult if you feel unsafe.



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Look out for your Curriculum Newsletters which will be shared with you this week. This will be sent to you each half term so you know what your child will be learning over the course of the half term.

**Our curriculum is broad, balanced and exciting. Your child is going to have a great learning adventure this year!**

# Curriculum



[Click here for more curriculum information](#)

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## Attendance @ Bearwood Primary & Nursery School

We recognise that good attendance (above 96%) is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. Good attendance impacts significantly on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

Easy as

1

There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.

2

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school every day and on time.

3

The school opens at: 08:30am; registration is from 8:50am. Please arrive as close to 8:50am as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.



Attendance Matters

Every student Every Day

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.

Equates to number school days off each year

	100%	> Perfection
4 School days missed	98%	> Impressive
6 School days missed	97%	> Good
7 School days missed	96%	> On Target
9 School days missed	95%	> Slight Concern
13 School days missed	93%	> Concerns
20 School days missed	90%	> Very Concerned
30 School days missed	85%	> Serious Concerns

Every minute of every lesson of every day matters.

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If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

### Key Contacts:

Attendance Champion:

Mrs Cheryl Smith

Attendance Officer:

Mrs Hannah Rose

Leave of absence is only given in very exceptional circumstances. We have a duty to follow the Local Authority code of conduct for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for absence.

Our Attendance Policy should be read in conjunction with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

### Reporting Absences:

A parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence before 09:00am on the day of absence.

To report absence please:

Phone the school by 09:00am using the absence line (01020 590703) on the first morning of absence and each morning after that.

This helps us keep your child safe.



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# Requests for holidays in term time

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances only and this is not the norm. It is important to note that Headteachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether the absence is authorised at all.

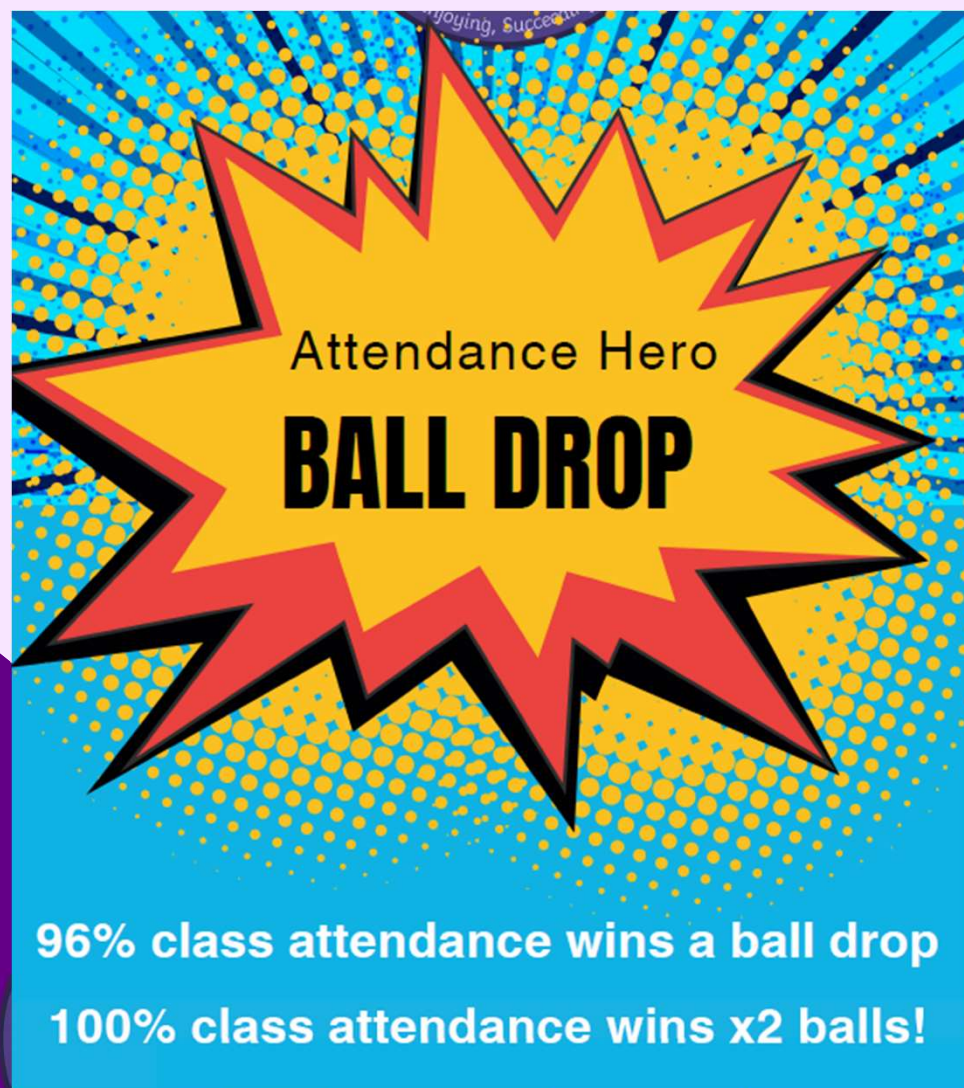
The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, or unavoidable circumstances (which means the event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time). Circumstances will vary from family to family.

There is no legal entitlement for time off in school time to go on holiday and, in the vast majority of cases, holiday will not be authorised.



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**5 balls = Extra Playtime**

**10 balls = Classroom Disco**

**15 balls = Non-School Uniform Day**

**20 balls = Cooking Experience in  
school**

**25 balls = Class Trip to the park**

**30 balls = Class Trip to Moors Valley**

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# Be READY...

## Wear the correct uniform:

- Be proud to be part of the Bearwood School Team.
- Especially TIES and BLACK SHOES.
- No makeup (including nail varnish) or jewellery. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish, we may remove it.
- If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we may provide your child with uniform to wear for the day from the 'boot room'.



[Click here to see the full uniform expectation](#)

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# Be READY...

PE Days

Come to school wearing the correct kit on our PE days:

Purple T shirt (no football kits), dark coloured shorts; dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and jumper or school jumper for the colder weather; trainers.

Ear piercings can be covered with tape for the first 6 weeks after piercing – otherwise earrings must be removed for PE, and hair should be tied back.

Forest School

When it is your turn for forest school, please come to school wearing your uniform and bring your forest school clothes in a bag with appropriate named clothing, a waterproof coat, jumper, socks, wellies, boots, or suitable footwear, joggers, leggings or jeans!



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# Online Safety

Children will participate in regular online safety lessons aimed at raising awareness around online dangers and strategies to keeping themselves safe online. There will also be high profile events such as Internet Safety Day.

Parents and carers will be made aware of updates regarding current online issues that children may be exposed to. Advice and support around children using social media and electronic devices can found on our website and updates will be sent throughout the school year.

**You will be asked to complete an ICT acceptable use agreement for your child.**



## Social Media:

With many children using social media, please be aware of the legal age restrictions for each app.

Many devices and social media apps allow parents to set up parental controls restricting certain content for children



[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

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# Safeguarding

## Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



**Mrs Smith**

## Deputy DSL



**Mrs Goodfellow**

## Deputy DSL



**Mrs Lyster**

## Deputy DSL



**Mr Thomas**

## Deputy DSL



**Miss Doe**

## Deputy DSL



**Mrs Medley**

## Deputy DSL



**Mrs Lawrence**



# Reading

## Read With a Child It's the Most Important 20 Minutes of Your Day

Child "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day  
3,600 minutes  
in a school year.

Child "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day  
900 minutes  
in a school year.

Child "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day  
180 minutes  
in a school year.

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



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# Home learning

Home learning helps to consolidate your child's learning in school and is key in supporting them to achieve.

Home learning will be set weekly on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed by the following Tuesday or set date if it is a creative project.



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# Communication

We have an open door policy – tell us any concerns you may have. School and family working together with and for the child can be a very powerful combination.

We will also send out two communications per week - Marvellous Monday will tell you who has been celebrated in school. “We need to know Wednesday” will contain information on upcoming dates and events.

We also want to keep you as updated as possible. Our main methods of communication are My Child At School (MCAS) and Marvellous Me so please make sure you are registered with both of these. If you are having any trouble with this, please contact the school office.



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# Pupil Premium

## Who qualifies?

- Children who are eligible for free school meals based on their family's income.
- Children who are in care, fostered or adopted.
- Children who have a parent currently serving in the armed forces.

Pupil premium is **funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England**. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

The extra funding will go towards ensuring that your children reach their full potential.

Please see the teacher for a confidential conversation if you think you may qualify or collect a form from the school office.



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Take part  
in our  
Bearwood  
Brilliance  
award!

# Bearwood Brilliance

- Each year, complete 12 exciting, age appropriate challenges to strengthen confidence and independence.

Show us how brilliant you are!

Exercise and learning new things

Eco

Safety

Cooking

Around the home

Looking after myself

Hobby

Public service

Careers

Oracy

Little Leaders

Personal Achievement

Award ceremony at the end of each year!

Scrap books to  
be in school  
every Friday, so  
we can  
celebrate!





# Other information

We are a nut free school, so no food containing nuts or sesame seeds should be brought into school, this includes Nutella and other hazelnut based chocolate spreads.

If going home arrangements for your child change, please contact the office asap to give them the new information.

We are a healthy school – no sweets, chocolate bars or share size crisps in lunch boxes please.



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