



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Thursday 9th September 2021



Welcome back to a new school year! It was lovely to see all of our pupils return after the summer holidays, looking rested and eager to start learning. I would like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to our lovely new children and their families. We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead which is hopefully not disrupted by any further lockdowns! The term has already got off to a flying start and we have many exciting events planned for the school year, so please keep an eye out for posters and newsletters as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Our website is updated regularly with news, events and information so check frequently for updates: www.pegasusacademytrust.org.

Safeguarding: The academy risk assessment has been revised in line with government guidance. I am pleased to report that school life will almost return to normal this year. We will not be operating in 'bubbles' and there is no longer the requirement for 'whole' classes to isolate in the event of a positive case. Close contacts will be contacted by 'Track and Trace', and asked to do a PCR test. However, the school will be well ventilated and our rigorous hand washing routine will stay in place. We will be returning to holding assemblies in the hall but will allow adequate space in between the different year groups. The academy will not enforce the wearing of masks on the school grounds but please feel free to continue to wear one if you feel more comfortable. As usual, all children will be dropped off at the gate each morning and our staff will ensure that they all go straight into their classrooms. For the time being, could I ask you to collect your children promptly each afternoon and avoid chatting on the school premises. I understand that we all have different views about how 'safe' we all are but please could you be sensitive to others and continue to be aware of social distancing. We will be constantly monitoring the situation and we may need to make changes to keep within the government guidelines or if we feel that it is necessary to keep the staff and children in Beulah safe.

Health & Safety and Medicines If your child has regular medication in school please check with the office that this is still in-date. Additionally, if your child is new to the school or has recently been prescribed medication that needs to be administered / kept in school please bring it to the office. We will also need any relevant paperwork and care plans so that we can update our records to ensure that our staff are aware of your child's medical needs.

Uniform: The children all look very smart in their new uniforms and shoes, so a great big thank you to you all. Can I just remind everyone that footwear should be black shoes or completely black trainers. There should be no other colours on footwear, including brand names and logos, unless they are also black. The children only need to bring their red school book bag into school each day - **no back packs please**. Jewellery is unsafe in school and can cause injury to your child or one of their friends. However, if your child has their ears pierced small studs are allowed.

PE: Please ensure that your **child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day**. This is a plain white top, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms and their normal school jumper. Children should bring their plimsolls in their red PE bag or book bag. The PE days are as follows. Please note that one class each half term from Y1 and Y2 will have two PE days.

Reception - Friday

Year 1 -Tuesday(Green class additional session Wednesday)

Year 2 -Thursday

A plea: September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. At the start of October we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help. If you are currently entitled to any benefits or have ever been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding. If you speak another language at home we need this information.

We are funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools.

If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information.

Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and we value your support. Please also let the office staff know if your contact details have changed-especially your address, email address and phone numbers. Please also check that your two named contacts are still correct.

School Council Elections

During this half term the school council elections will be taking place. Every child will be offered the opportunity to stand for election as their class representative. Children that want to be a candidate are encouraged to plan and deliver their own mini campaigns. We will explore ideas with the children in school but we also ask parents/carers to support their children at home.

Jeans for Genes

This year, on Friday 17th September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages adults and children to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders.

Diary dates:

Over the coming weeks you will receive year group newsletters which will include important diary dates for your child's class which we hope will help you some with forward planning. However, staff are still finalising dates for visitors and visits and we must be prepared for the possibility of Covid related changes if circumstances drastically change in the coming months. Any changes to school visits or events will be communicated to you as soon as possible via the website, text or a newsletter.

Punctuality and Attendance:

Thank you to all of our parents / carers for arriving punctually to school each morning this week. Arriving on time ensures your child has a calm, positive start to their day. The gates open at 8:45am and the children have early morning work until 9:00am, when their first lesson starts. If your child arrives after 9:00am they must go through the school office to be registered and will be marked late. I would also like to congratulate all of our parents and carers who were able to overcome the difficulties during the last academic year to ensure that their children attended school every day, either on site or remotely. As always, we will be keeping a careful eye on attendance and are keen to support all families to overcome any difficulties that they may experience. I would also like to remind parents that, in line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances, outlined in the school policy. However, if your child is absent from school please call the office and let them know the reason at the start of each school day they do not attend.



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