



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.



Keep Me Safe and Well

Support my physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing.



Provide Me with Great Opportunities

Open doors to new experiences, cultures, and possibilities.



Discover My Talents

Help me uncover and nurture what makes me unique.



Ignite My Ambition

Inspire me to dream big and believe in my potential.



Empower Me to Be a Change Agent and a Good Citizen

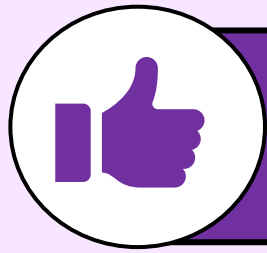
Help me to shape the future and build the community I want to be a valued part of.



Teach Me Well and Let Me Live My Learning

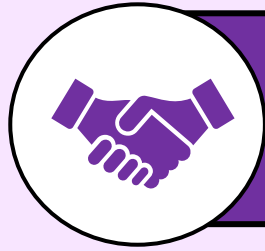
Deliver high-quality teaching and real-world learning experiences.

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 via links to our website. 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



Look out on your child's year group learning page

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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.



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

The graphic features a large, jagged yellow starburst with a red outline, set against a blue background with a pattern of small yellow dots. The text 'Attendance Hero' is written in black above the word 'BALL DROP' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the starburst, the text '96% class attendance wins a ball drop' and '100% class attendance wins x2 balls!' is written in white on a blue background.

Attendance Hero

BALL DROP

96% class attendance wins a ball drop

100% class attendance wins x2 balls!

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Be READY...

Wear the correct uniform:

- Be proud to be part of the Bearwood School Team.
- Active Uniform is compulsory from September 2027
- Formal uniform and old PE uniform can still be worn this year.
- Active uniform consists of **plain** items
- Our expectations are high and we will be monitoring this.



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

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Bearwood GO!

School uniform is now active wear to allow your children to be able to play and enjoy all of the activities on offer. Please ensure your child has a pair of named welly boots in school before the end of September.

From October 1st, children will be out with GO! in all weathers.



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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



Safeguarding/Child Protection

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns...

please contact the following people through the School Office:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs Smith

Deputy DSL



Mrs Goodfellow

Deputy DSL



Mrs Lyster

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.

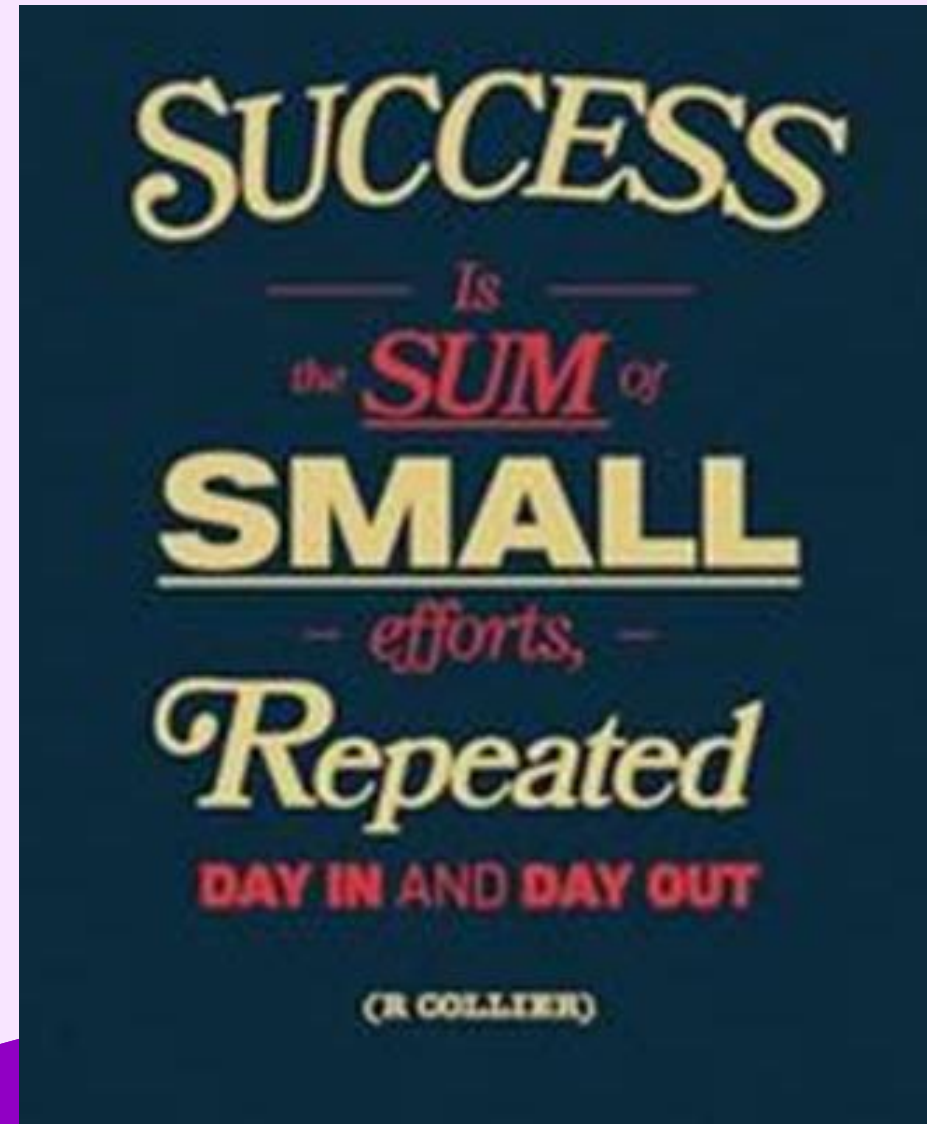


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Home learning

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 can be eligible based on family income.
- Children who are in care, fostered or adopted.
- Children who have a parent currently serving in the armed forces.

We can check eligibility quickly – it's worth trying.
We only need your NI number and date of birth.

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



WARNING!

**WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**



**Thank you for keeping
our school safe.**

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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