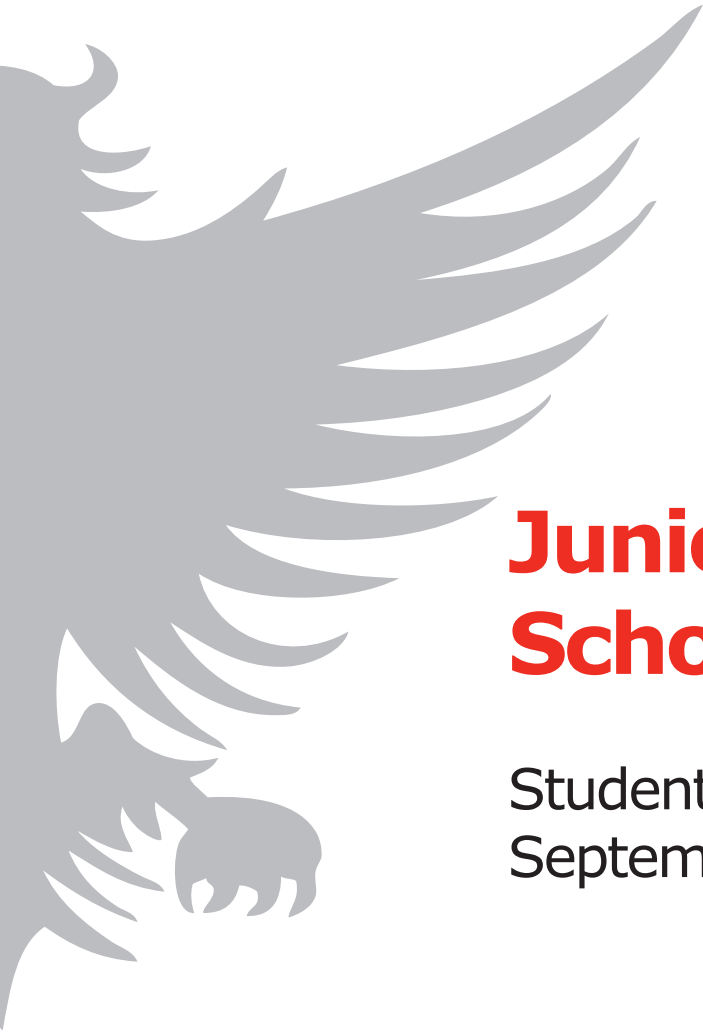




**Bedford  
Modern  
School.**



# **Junior School**

Students' Guide  
September 2017

# Welcome to Bedford Modern Junior School!

and remember, you're here to:

**Be inspired.**

**Be brilliant.**

**Be yourself.**



# Welcome to **BMS.**

We are so pleased that you will be joining us!

Many new experiences will now be open to you and we want you to take them. Before you can do this, you have to get to know us a little better and this booklet will help you do that.

We hope that you will enjoy reading it but if you have any questions about any part of it, please ASK!

**OK, are you ready to start?**

# Meet our Junior School Staff



**(JCR)**  
Mrs J Rex  
Head of  
Junior School



**(PSP)**  
Mrs P Pacyna  
Deputy Head



**(KRH)**  
Mrs K Harpin  
Director of Studies

## Our Support Staff



Mrs K Smith  
Junior School  
Secretary



Mrs C Mayfield  
Admin Assistant

## Learning Support Assistants



Mrs H Draycott  
Learning Support  
Assistant



Mrs B Sehmbi  
Learning Support  
Assistant



Miss E Lewis  
Learning Support  
Assistant



Mrs S Westbrook  
Cover Supervisor  
and L.S.A

# Our Teaching Staff

These are all the other staff in the Junior School. You can get to know their faces between now and September. Don't forget to put a big star next to your form teacher!



**(HSA)**  
Mrs H Avery



**(JEB)**  
Miss J Barlow



**(CB)**  
Mr C Barrow



**(RMB)**  
Mr R Bishop



**(TWB)**  
Mr T Bucktin



**(ACS)**  
Mrs A Crawford-Smith



**(MJF)**  
Mrs M Fox



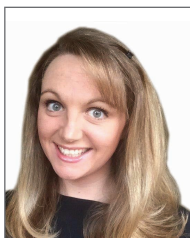
**(FMG)**  
Mrs F Gale



**(MLG)**  
Mrs M Garton



**(KMH)**  
Mrs K Hale



**(CH)**  
Miss C Hendrie



**(JEL)**  
Mrs J Leydon



**(SNJ)**  
Mrs S Nicholls



**(MVP)**  
Mrs M Phillips



**(CT)**  
Mrs C Toumazou



**(EAW)**  
Mr E Warren

**Which form are you in?**

**3CT**

**6PSP**

**4KRH**

**5MJF**

**3MLG**

**5MVP**

**4JEL**

**5HSA**

**3ACS**

**5CH**

**6CB**

**6KMH**

**4FMG**

**6EAW**



# House Points

There are four houses in the Junior School. Each house has a name and colour. You can gain house points for all sorts of things, from good work to wonderful behaviour.

Last year each house won:

## Kaye

- Y3/4 Hockey
- Y5 House Football
- Y6 House Netball
- House Point Shield

## Poole

- House Music: Best Overall
- House Music: Best Compere

## Liddle

- Y6 House Football
- Y6 House Rugby
- House Cross Country
- Yelland Shield - Sports Day
- House Music: Best Chant

## Taylor

- Y5 House Hockey
- Y6 House Hockey
- Y5 House Rugby
- Y3/4 House Netball
- Y5 House Netball

# Your **First** Day

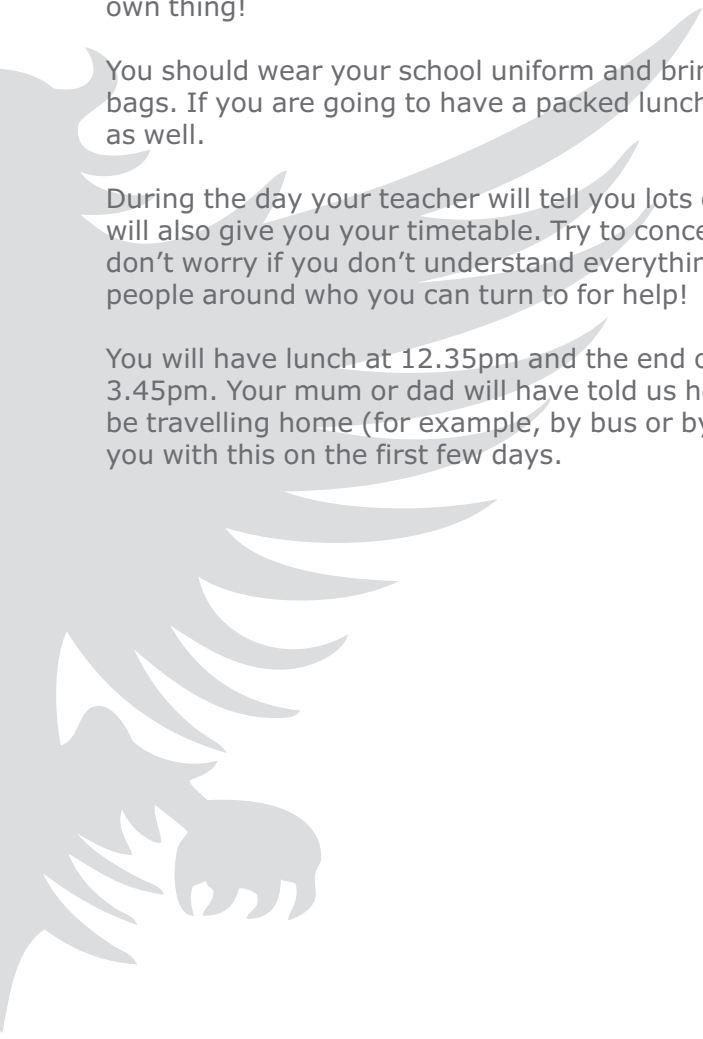
**You will be nervous** – we know this from experience and we will try to make your first day as easy as possible (although you will have to do **some** work!).

Your mum or dad may want to come in with you on your first day. Let them do this because they will want to make sure that you are safe and check that we are ready for you. They will probably be much more nervous than you, so you will need to keep an eye on them! Bring them into the Christopher Fry Hall (Junior School) by 8.35am (you have been here before). Your teacher will meet you there and you can then leave your parents to go off and do their own thing!

You should wear your school uniform and bring along your school bags. If you are going to have a packed lunch, you will need this as well.

During the day your teacher will tell you lots of different things and will also give you your timetable. Try to concentrate and listen, but don't worry if you don't understand everything – there are lots of people around who you can turn to for help!

You will have lunch at 12.35pm and the end of the day will be at 3.45pm. Your mum or dad will have told us how you are going to be travelling home (for example, by bus or by car) and we will help you with this on the first few days.





# Check List for your First Day

These are things that you will need on your first day.

Tick them off as you get them ready.

Tick ✓

School Uniform\* - wearing (not carrying!)

School Bag\*

Stationery Items\*

Packed lunch (if you are having one)\*

PE/Swimming Kit/Games Kit  
(if you can manage it)\*

A snack (for break time)

Your brain (a very important item!)

\*These items must be named.

# Every day **essentials**

- Your planner
- Good quality HB pencils
- A rubber
- A fountain, handwriting or Frixion pen (blue ink)
- A 30cm ruler
- Scissors
- A glue stick
- A dictionary (Year 4 and above)
- A geometry set (Years 5 and 6)
- Good quality coloured pencils
- Felt tip pens (optional)
- Highlighters
- A calculator
- Refillable water bottle

...and a pencil case to keep it all in! (Don't forget to name them!)

## The **BMS** planner

On your first day in September your teacher will give you your planner and explain how it works.

In your planner you will:

- Write down your prep carefully so that you (and your parents) know what you have been asked to do.
- Write down notes (e.g. letters that need to be taken home).

You must ask your parents to sign your planner **every night** so that your teacher can tell that they have seen your work.

You will also be able to put a copy of your timetable at the back. This will help you to work out what kit you will need with you each day.

# The **behaviour** plan

or, how we behave at Bedford Modern Junior School.

## **Expectations**

### **We display good manners by:**

- Holding the door open
- Saying "Please" and "Thank You"
- Keeping to the left in the corridors
- Standing up when a member of staff enters the room.

### **We think before we act and speak**

- Which includes respecting the property of others

### **We listen when others are speaking.**

## **Rewards**

- Praise
- House Points
- Praise from another member of staff
- Sending a postcard home to parents
- Receiving a Commendation for outstanding work
- Receiving a Certificate of Performance for excellence in co-curricular activities
- Recognition from the Head, Deputy Head or Director of Studies of the Junior School.

## **Sanctions**

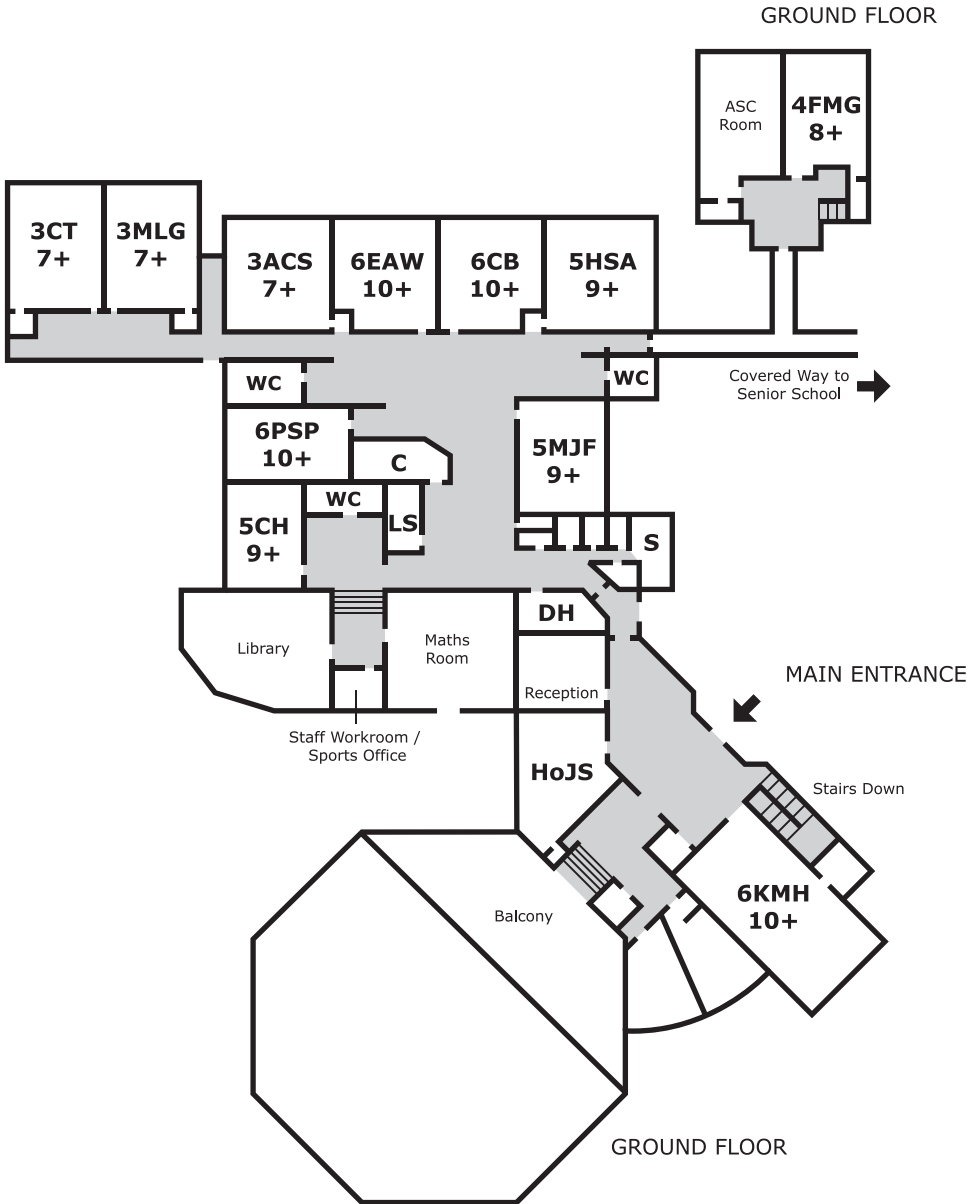
- You will be given a verbal warning by your teacher
- You will be asked to leave the activity for one minute
- You will then be asked to leave the activity for a further three minutes

The teacher will then discuss your choices of behaviour with you at this point.

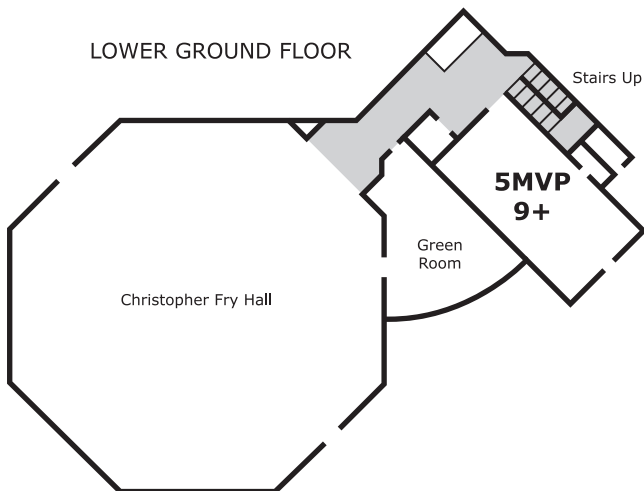
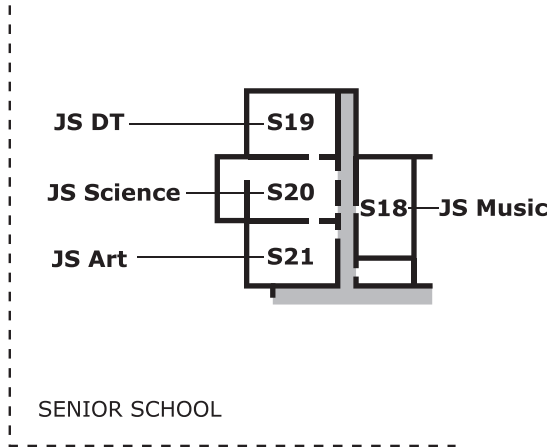
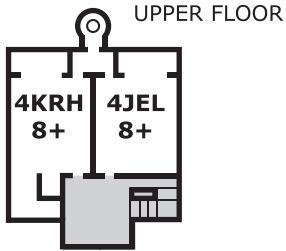
- You will be sent to another class to complete the task
- Your name will be recorded by the Deputy Head (three entries will result in an official warning)
- You will be sent to the Deputy Head or Director of Studies and issued with an Official Warning, which will be sent home to your parents (three Official Warnings will result in a School Detention)
- You will be given a School Detention by the Head of Junior School

# Where am I?

Here is a plan of the Junior School



- Where is your classroom?
- Where is the Junior School Reception?
- Do you know children in any other classes?
- Where would you find their classroom?
- Which entrance would you normally use?
- Where is the playground?



| Key         |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>HoJS</b> | Head of Junior School |
| <b>DH</b>   | Deputy Head           |
| <b>S</b>    | Staff                 |
| <b>LS</b>   | Learning Support      |
| <b>C</b>    | ICT                   |
| <b>ASC</b>  | After School Care     |

# Making friends

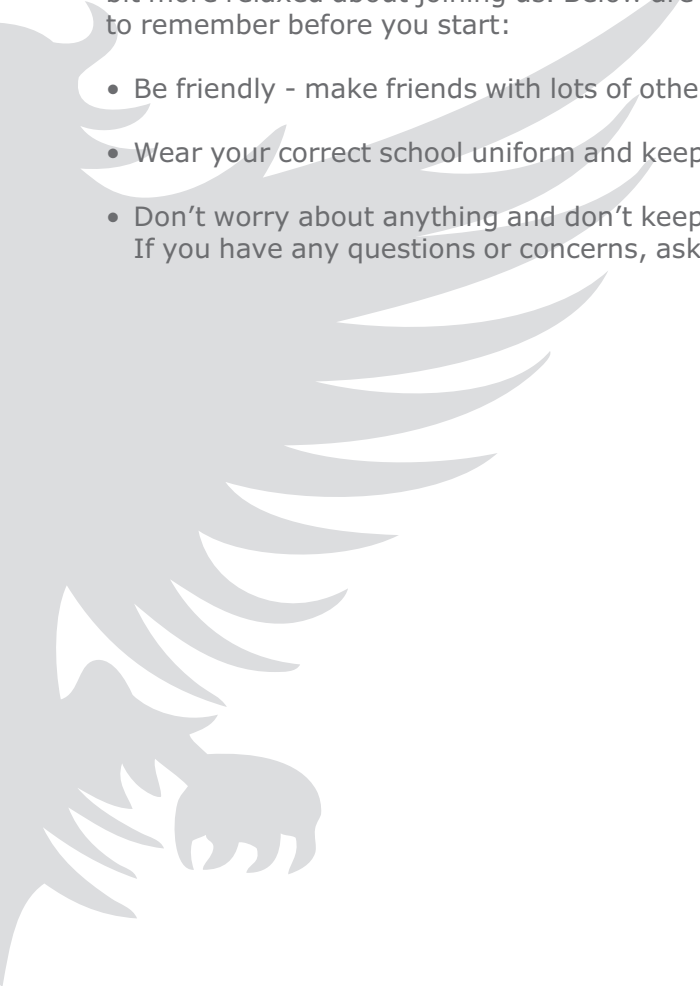
We all need to work hard to make and keep our friends.

Remember that, although you may know someone who is at the school already or is joining with you, there are other children who don't. Think back to when you were younger and how you felt when you didn't know anyone. Talk to other people and they will talk back!

**So,**

...now that you've read all of the above, we hope that you'll feel a bit more relaxed about joining us. Below are some important things to remember before you start:

- Be friendly - make friends with lots of other children
- Wear your correct school uniform and keep your shirt tucked in!
- Don't worry about anything and don't keep things to yourself. If you have any questions or concerns, ask a teacher!



# What do **they** think?

Before I started BMS I was worried and scared but thanks to the kind teachers I have settled in and now have loads of friends.

## **Aiden Year 5**

In the summer I was afraid and wanted to go to the same school as my friends but I am now very happy, my buddy Emily, really helped and I feel included at school.

## **Harriet Year 5**

When I first joined BMS I was very excited but nervous as my old school was smaller than BMS, but on my first day everyone helped me out and the other pupils were kind and nice.

## **Harvey Year 5**

Before I first started BMS I was worried that I would get lost or wouldn't make friends but the total opposite is true! I have loads of friends and after a week knew where I needed to be!

## **Hollie Year 5**

When I first joined BMS I was very nervous but when I got here I made lots of friends and had lots of fun!

## **Cameron Year 5**

I felt scared because I didn't know anyone and the school seemed very big compared to my old school. However, I got used to school life very quickly and I now have some really good friend and I enjoy all the lessons.

## **Ollie Year 4**

I was a little nervous before I joined BMS but I realised there was nothing to be worried about.

## **Georgina Year 4**

Before I started BMS I was nervous because I didn't know anyone but now I'm more confident and excited about school and I want to see my friends and am looking forward to making new friends next year.

## **Connor Year 3**

I was really worried about getting lost because I thought that we were going to the Senior School but the teachers show you around on the first day.

## **Zayan Year 3**

I was worried that I might miss the bus but I was given a buddy and she was really nice and soon I was fine!

## **Joy Year 3**

When I came to BMS I was very excited but nervous at the same time, however, now I feel really calm because the teachers are nice and the work is fun!

## **Olivia Year 3**

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