

Junior School

Students' Guide
September 2022

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

These are all the 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!

Junior School Leadership Team



(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 C Lonsdale
Junior School
Head's PA



Mrs K Prior
Admin Assistant



Ms K Harding
Admin Assistant

Learning Support Assistants



Mrs B White
Cover Supervisor
and LSA



Mrs M Lewicka
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs D Whitney
Learning Support
Assistant

Our Teaching Staff



(JEB)
Miss J Barlow



(RMB)
Mr R Bishop



(TWB)
Mr T Bucktin



(DRC)
Mrs D Chambers



(ACS)
Mrs A Crawford-Smith



(MJF)
Mrs M Fox



(MLG)
Mrs M Garton



(KMH)
Mrs K Hale



(CH)
Miss C Hendrie



(JEL)
Mrs J Leydon



(LM)
Mrs L Mills



(YFP)
Mrs Y Pemberton



(MVP)
Mrs M Phillips



(MJR)
Mr M Redmond



(EJT)
Mrs E Thompson



(CT)
Mrs C Toumazou



(EAW)
Mr E Warren

Which form are you in?

3CT

6PSP

5KRH

5MJF

3MLG

5DRC

4LM

4MJR

3ACS

6CH

6YFP

4KMH

5EJT

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.

In previous years, each house won:

Kaye

- Y6 House Rugby
- Y6 House Football
- House Swimming Gala

Poole

- Y4 House Rugby
- Y3 House Netball

Liddle

- Y5 House Rugby
- House Music – Overall Winner
- House Quiz
- Y6 House Netball
- Y4 House Netball
- Y5 House Football

Taylor

- Y6 House Hockey
- Y5 House Hockey
- Y5 House Netball

Your **First** Day

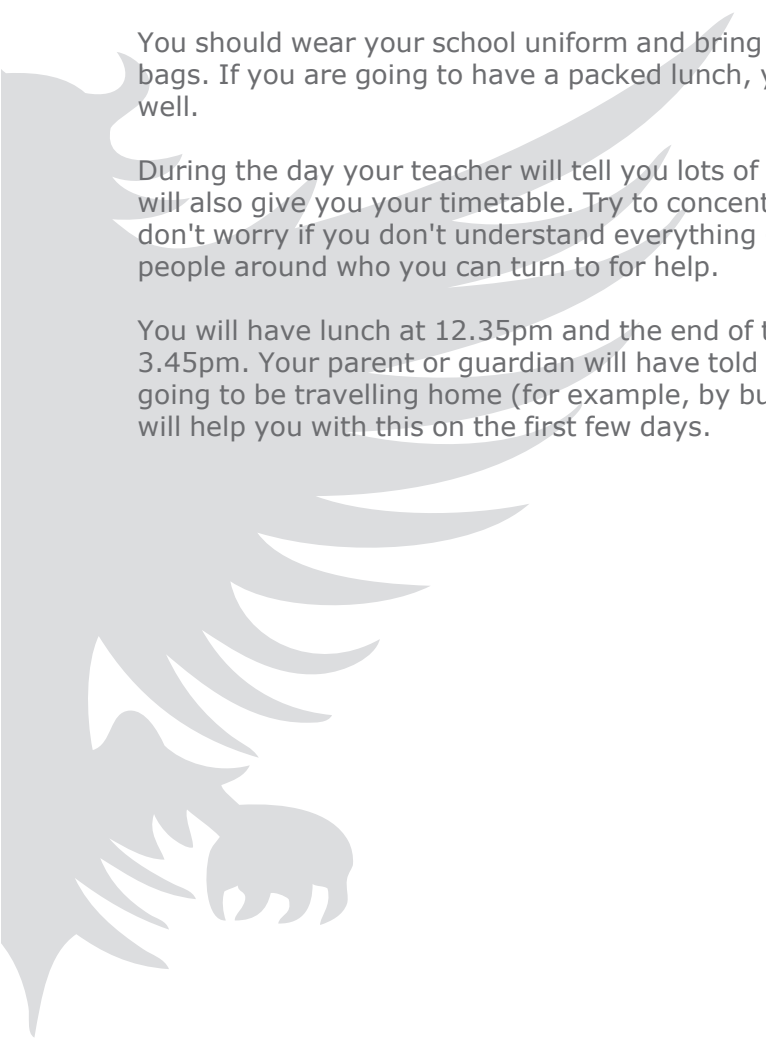
You will be nervous – we know this from experience and we will try to make your first day as easy as possible (although you will have to do **some** work!)

A family member 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 8.30am. Your teacher will meet you there and you can then leave your family member 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 parent or guardian 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!)	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Bag*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stationery Items*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packed lunch (if you are having one)*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Kit/Sports Kit (if you can manage it)*	<input type="checkbox"/>
A snack (for break time)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your brain (a very important item!)	<input type="checkbox"/>

*These items must be named.

Every day **essentials**

- Your planner
- Good quality HB pencils
- A rubber
- A 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 think before we act and speak

- Which includes respecting the property of others.

We display good manners

- 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 listen when others are speaking.

We treat everyone as we would like to be treated

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 to reflect on your behaviour

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

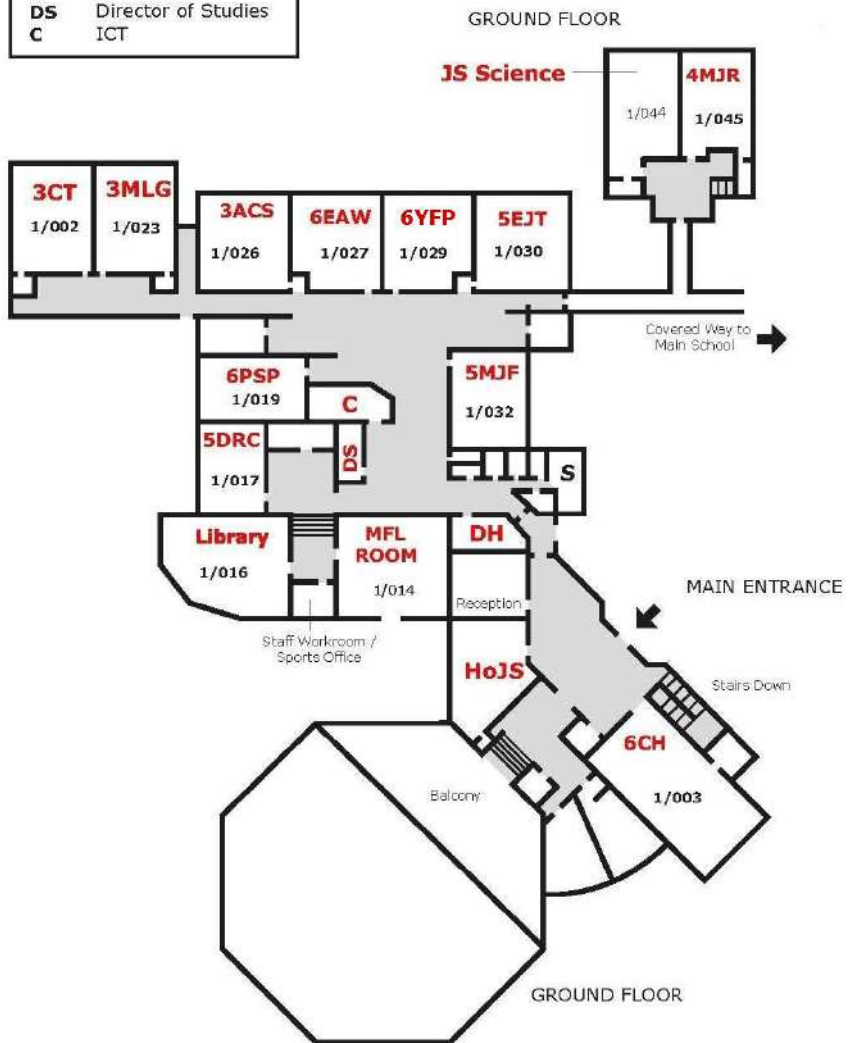
- You will be sent to another class to complete the task
- Your name will be recorded by the Deputy Head (three entries will result in a Warning)
- You will then be sent to the Deputy Head or Director of Studies and issued with a Warning which will be sent home to your parents
- You will be given a School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

NB A detention will also be automatic for any child issued with three Warnings

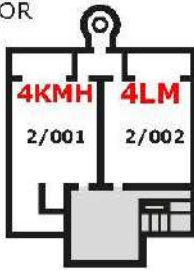
Where am I?

Here is a plan of the Junior School

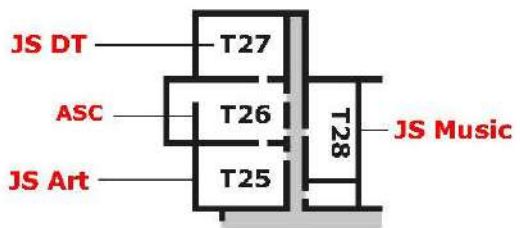
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UPPER FLOOR

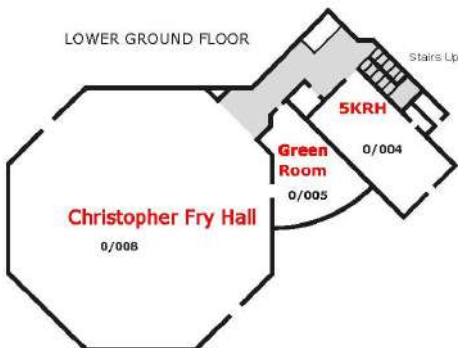


- Where is your classroom?
- Where is the Junior School Reception?
- Do you know children in any other classes?
- Where would you find their classroom?
- Which entrance would you normally use?
- Where is the playground?



MAIN SCHOOL

LOWER GROUND FLOOR



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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?

All the teachers and students are very kind, so you never need to worry about asking questions or making new friends.

Anjy, Daisy, Madeleine and Emile, Year 3

When you first start, the school might seem enormous, but you will soon know it like the back of your hand.

Reuben and Maisie, Year 3

When I first came to BMS, I was scared and shy. I didn't want to move but when I met my teacher, I was very happy. BMS is the best school in the world.

Alice, Year 3

When I first started BMS, I was worried but don't be because no matter what year you join, there will always be a new friend and a marvellous teacher waiting. Just always remember that there will be something you will like so be kind and be you!

Violet, Year 3

I felt nervous when I was coming to BMS but it was very unnecessary because BMS is great! My favourite thing at BMS is DT, Games and Art. If you don't know anyone, don't worry – you'll make friends in a few days.

Jasper, Year 3

When I started BMS, I knew a few people, but I was still nervous. But then I made more and more friends! There are lots of fun clubs at BMS too like Dance, Music and Ballet. The food is also delicious. You will love BMS because the teachers are so kind and helpful.

Amrita, Year 3

I was really worried about getting things wrong, like wearing the incorrect uniform, but everyone is so kind and helpful.

Dele, Year 4

Do not worry about making friends, everyone is so friendly.

Abi, Year 4

I felt really nervous because I thought I might get lost but the teachers and 'buddies' were all very kind, helpful and funny! It took me about a week to feel settled and my sibling checked on me during some break-times. It only took me about a week to make friends.

Jamie, Year 5

When I first started, I was quite nervous, shy, quiet and had a few worries. It only took about a week for me to get settled although that didn't mean I didn't have lots of questions for my classmates! I found it a lot easier to make friends than I was expecting, and I was a little worried I wouldn't be as smart as some of the other children! I had attended summer courses here before, so I was familiar with the site.

Natasha, Yeah 5

When I started in September, I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone in my class. After a few weeks I made many friends and I had settled in very well. I did worry at times about bringing all of the correct equipment in on the right day, but I soon felt very confident with organisation.

Ryan, Year 5

You definitely shouldn't be nervous coming to BMS as everybody will be nice to you. Don't worry about the bus either, because most likely somebody else in your class or year will be on the bus and you will have a bus buddy.

Harry, Year 5

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