

Junior School

Students' Guide
September 2024

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



(PSP)
Mrs P Pacyna
Head of Junior School



(KRH)
Mrs K Harpin
Deputy Head Academic



(JB)
Mr J Bungard
Deputy Head Pastoral

Support Staff



Mrs K Harding
Junior School
Head's Assistant



Mrs K Prior
Admin Assistant

Learning Support Assistants



Mrs B White
Cover Supervisor and
LSA



Mr J Chambers
Professional
Sports Coach/LSA



Mrs L Partridge
Learning Support
Assistant

Teaching Staff



(JEB)

Miss J E Barlow



(RMB)

Mr R Bishop



(TWB)

Mr Tim Bucktin



(DRC)

Mrs D Chambers



(ACS)

Mrs A Crawford-Smith



(MJF)

Mrs M Fox



(MLG)

Mrs M Garton



(KMH)

Mrs K Hale



(SH)

Miss S Hale



(CH)

Miss C Hendrie



(LMM)

Mrs L Mills



(YFP)

Mrs Y Pemberton



(EJA)

Mrs E Amos



(CT)

Mrs C Toumazou



(EAW)

Mr E Warren



(LW)

Miss L Woolf



(AW)

Mrs A White

Which form are you in?

3CT

4KRH

5MLG

5MJF

3LJW

5DRC

4LMM

3KMH

6JB

6YFP

6CH

4ACS

5EJA

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, we held the following competitions:

Kaye

- House Music
- Year 5 House Rugby
- Year 5 House Football
- Year 6 House Hockey

Liddle

- Year 3 and 4 House Football
- Year 5 House Hockey
- Year 6 House Football
- Sports Day

Poole

- Year 3 House Wordsearch
- House Quiz
- Commitment to House Music

Taylor

- Year 4 House Connect 4
- Year 5 House Netball
- Year 6 House Rugby

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 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.



Checklist for your first day

These are things that you will need on your first day.
Tick them off as you get them ready.

School uniform*

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School bag*

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Stationery items*

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Packed lunch (if you are having one)

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Swimming/sports kit*

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A snack (for break)

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**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 (Year 5 and above)
- Good quality coloured pencils
- Felt tip pens (optional)
- Highlighters
- A calculator
- A 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 homework 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 Academic or Deputy Head Pastoral 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 Academic or Pastoral (three entries will result in a Warning)
- You will be sent to one of the Deputy Heads 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.

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!

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?

When I first started BMS I felt nervous but also excited at the same time and wanted to make new friends which I have. BMS is so cool because we have double games lessons and I like the lunches!

Luke, Year 3

BMS is amazing because all of the teachers are really nice and I've improved my sport and learnt how to play netball!

Anoushka, Year 3

I felt scared when I started as I didn't know if I'd make friends but I have! I am really pleased to have joined the orchestra.

Amelie, Year 3

I was so excited to find out we had our own playground; I really enjoy playing on this, especially when it snowed!

Daniel, Year 3

Don't worry about it! Everyone is kind and helpful, your teachers will help you a lot and you'll make loads of new friends!

William, Year 4

Everyone is nice and you can speak to anyone if you're unsure of things. The teachers are really friendly and welcoming.

Kiki, Year 4

I was very nervous when I first came to BMS, but people were very kind and I made friends in the first couple of days. Don't be scared, it'll be OK!

Aarav, Year 5

When I first joined BMS I felt like I wouldn't fit in because I was from a different school but as soon as I walked in on the first day everyone was so kind and helpful.

Flo, Year 5

When I joined the school I was amazed at how big it was but worried about making friends. Although I was worried, I have made a lot of new friends! My favourite lessons are Maths, Art, IT, Drama, Humanities, PE and Games. It is very fun and there are lots of teachers that help me a lot. BMS IS GREAT!

Eesa, Year 5

I joined in Year 5 and was very nervous but made friends in less than a week. Everyone in this school is very kind and will happily listen to any worries you have. I think going on the bus has helped as I've made friends on it too! I've also found that I'm now back at school with people I was friends with at my last school. Some of my favourite lessons are Art and DT as I'm very creative.

Imogen, Year 5

When I started at BMS I felt nervous that I wouldn't make friends and hadn't played some of the sports either. Staff were really nice and friendly, I made friends quickly and feel very happy here.

Evie, Year 5

On my first day at BMS I was worried about the teachers being big and scary! Now I have realised they are all very nice and some are even extremely funny!

Zane, Year 5



Life in the Junior School



Year 3 students making their own fossils



Egyptian Day



Junior School Christmas Production



World Book Day activities



House Teambuilding



Victorian Day



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