



**Bedford
Modern
School.**



Junior School

Students' Guide September 2026

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!

Okay, 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



Mrs P Paycna (PSP)
Head of Junior School



Mrs K Harpin (KRH)
Deputy Head
Academic



Mr J Bungard (JPB)
Deputy Head
Pastoral

Our Support Staff



Mrs K Harding
JS Head's Assistant



Mrs K Prior
Admin Assistant



Mrs A Saunders
Admin Assistant

Learning Support Assistants



Mrs C Lammin
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs B White
Cover Supervisor
and LSA



Mrs L Partridge
Learning Support
Assistant

Meet our Junior School **staff**

Our Teaching Staff



Miss J Barlow
(JEB)



Mr R Bishop
(RMB)



Mr T Bucktin
(TWB)



Miss T Bygraves
(TSB)



Mrs D Chambers
(DRC)



Mrs A Crawford-Smith
(ACS)



Mrs M Fox
(MJF)



Mrs M Garton
(MLG)



Mrs K Hale
(KMH)

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Our Teaching Staff



Mrs C Marshall
(CM)



Mrs L Mills
(LMM)



Mrs Y Pemberton
(YFP)



Mrs E Amos
(EJA)



Mrs C Toumazou
(CT)



Mr E Warren
(EAW)



Mrs A White
(ALW)



Mrs L Woolf
(LJW)

Which **form** are you in?

3CT

6YFP

5MJF

5DRC

3TSB

5MLG

4LJW

3KMH

5EJA

6ALW

6EAW

4LMM

4ACS

6CJM

House points

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

Kaye **Liddle** **Poole** **Taylor**

Last year, we held the following competitions:

- House Music
- House Rugby
- House Football
- House Hockey
- House Netball
- House Connect 4
- House Wordsearch
- House Quiz



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. 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.



Checklist for your first day

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

Tick them off as you get ready.

School Uniform*

School Bag*

Stationery Items*

Packed lunch (if you are having one)*

Swimming/Sports Kit*

A snack (for breaktime)

*These items must be named.

Everyday Essentials

You will need:

- 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 (Years 5 and 6)
- 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 they have seen your work.

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



How we **behave** at Bedford Modern Junior School

Please note this is subject to change.

Expectations

1. We always try our hardest

2. We treat everyone as we would like to be treated

- treating others with kindness

3. We think before we act and speak

- listening when others are speaking
- respecting the property of others

2. We display good manners

- saying 'please' and 'thank you'
- keeping to the left in the corridors, moving calmly and quietly
- holding the door open
- standing up when the Head or visitors enter the room

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Rewards

When pupils follow expectations and achieve well, these are the possible outcomes:

- Verbal or written praise
- House points
- Praise from another member of staff
- Values certificate awarded in assembly
- Positive postcard sent home to parents
- Certificate of Performance for excellence in co-curricular activities
- Commendation for outstanding work
- Further recognition from the Head or Deputy Heads of the Junior School

Sanctions

Sometimes we make mistakes - when pupils do not live up to behaviour expectations these are the possible outcomes:

- Verbal warning
- Removal from activity
- Misdemeanor
- Behaviour warning
- Being put 'on report'
- Losing the opportunity to represent the School
- Detention

Staff will always listen to pupils and make a decision based on their professional judgement.

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 our students say about **joining BMS**

I was worried the teachers would be strict, but actually they are very kind and funny!

Pearl, Year 3

I was worried the other children would be unkind, but they helped me when I needed it.

Vinny, Year 3

When I first started I felt nervous. I wasn't sure if I would fit in, but now I feel really happy and I am so glad I came here.

Megh, Year 3

Before I joined BMS I felt so excited for Maths, PE, Science and Art. My time at BMS has been so fun. I've made lots of friends and the teachers are so warm and kind. I hope you like it! I can't wait to go into Year 4!

Louis, Year 3

I was so excited to find out we had our own playground - I really enjoy playing on it, 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

What our students say about **joining BMS**

When I first joined the school, I felt very nervous but everybody was very friendly, including the teachers! I am enjoying this school a lot - it is probably the best school I've ever been to!

Reyansh, Year 4

At the beginning of the year I felt a bit nervous and stressed, but now at the end of my first year I feel happy, calm and enthusiastic.

Zaki, Year 5

When I first joined BMS I felt nervous because I had no friends and didn't know what to do. But some kind people helped me and I am happy now. The teachers and students here are very kind.

Ashmi, 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!

Imogen, Year 5

Before I joined BMS I felt nervous, and anxious that I wouldn't fit in, but in the end I've made a lot of friends and all the teachers are very welcoming.

Amaya, Year 6

Life in the Junior School



Learning about Rocks and Soils



Outdoor Learning



Healthy Eating

Life in the Junior School



Sport in the Junior School

Life in the Junior School



Science in the Junior School



DT in the Junior School



Dance in the Junior School

Life in the Junior School



Junior School Production

Life in the Junior School



Y3 Egyptian Day

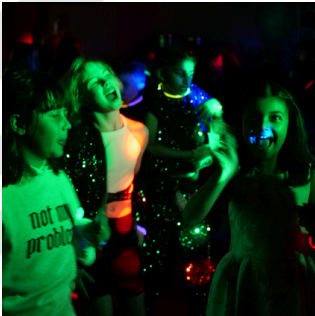


Y5 Ancient Greek Day



Y6 Victorian Day

Life in the Junior School



Y3-4 Disco



Music in the Junior School



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