



4 September 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our new school year! I hope you have all had a good break and are well rested for the year ahead! A special welcome to our new families who are joining us in Early Years, we are delighted that you are now part of our Bowker Vale community and look forward to seeing you and your children as you settle into our school. As always, lots of work has gone on over the Summer to keep our school looking really fantastic for the children. For families of children in Years 1-6, you'll be invited into school for our first Open Morning of the year on Tuesday 24th September from 9am-10am, when you'll be able to come into school to look round, visit your child's new classroom and see what a typical morning looks like in our school.

Our priority for the new term is ensuring children know about and demonstrate our high expectations regarding behaviour for learning. This means that children know right from wrong, how to speak to each other and adults appropriately and also, being ready to learn – on time and with a good attitude. We will spend a lot of time talking to the children about our school rules and remind you that our rules are;

Be - Ready, Respectful, Safe.

This means at Bowker Vale:

- We are **READY** to learn; we arrive to school on time, we have everything that we need (reading books, PE kits etc), we show that we are listening.
- We are **RESPECTFUL**; we listen when others speak, we respect the property of our friends and the school.
- We are **SAFE**; we move around school in a safe manner, we follow instructions to keep ourselves safe, we use equipment safely and we stay safe online.

We have made some changes to our behaviour policy – outlined over the page. Please familiarise yourself with these changes so that you are aware of procedures introduced to maintain our high standards.

It has been lovely to see the children in smart uniform today – thank you. Can I please remind you that uniform is expected each day - except birthdays when 'own clothes' can be worn (please note on birthdays, if you wish to send in a gift we ask for a reading book or equipment donation for the class rather than sweets or cakes which are not allowed, due to allergies.) No jewellery except stud earrings and watches are allowed and long hair should always be tied back.

Please note, school starts at 8.45am and the doors open at 8.40am. Please help your child to be prompt. Children should NOT be without their parent or carer in the morning before 8.40am unless they are attending breakfast club. Doors close at 8.50am promptly, after this time your child is marked 'L' for late in the register and you must sign them in at the office. School finishes at 3pm. Please make sure you are here on time to collect your child.

Thank you in advance for your support this year, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned that I'm sure you will enjoy. Keep looking on our website: www.bowkervale.manchester.sch.uk - this is regularly updated and has class pages, term dates, policies and other important dates and events on it. It really is a great source of information about our school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rachel Jacques
Headteacher

Do we have your correct contact details? If your mobile number has changed recently, did you inform us? Please call into the school office if you did not receive the reminder text message sent on Tuesday afternoon.

