



Bligh Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you on the school gate and I really appreciate your friendly welcomes and words of support. The children have made an excellent start to the academic year and look very smart in their uniforms.

As we approach the end of the first week, I thought I would write to you to let you know of a few changes that have been made so you can support the school and your child/ren.

Lunch and break times.

Lunch times are 45 minutes long.

KS1 children are to play on the lower playground only.

KS2 children are to play on the upper playground only.

Children are expected to eat their meals quickly and quietly in order for them to be out in the fresh air for as long as possible. There will be times when the volume is such that the children will be expected to eat in silence.

In order to ensure children are supervised at all times, if a child needs to use the toilet at lunchtime they will be given a band by a member of staff.

Children are expected to play nicely and not expected to be physical in any manner with each another.

Hands up and eyes on me.

In order to support excellent behaviour for learning, when a member of staff raises their hand, the children are expected to stop whatever they are doing, raise their hands and look at the member of staff.

Behaviour around the school building.

Within the school building, children are expected to walk on the left hand side of the corridor in a quiet and sensible manner. They are expected to line up outside their classrooms quietly and sensibly.

Rewards

Children will be rewarded for their excellent behaviour and learning in many ways.

Children will receive DoJo points from their teachers if they consistently demonstrate the school's values (Honesty, Empathy, Achievement, Resilience and Teamwork). This will be celebrated in assembly on a Friday

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Children will have the chance to work towards 'Star of the day' with their class teachers and receive a postcard home if this is the case.

Children will earn Golden time on a Friday afternoon.

Presentation and standards of work.

All Bligh staff have the highest expectation for the standards of children's work. If a pen licence has been awarded in the previous year then this will continue into the new academic year. However, if standards of work and presentation slip, this may be reviewed.

Controlled crossing.

A number of parents have commented on the likelihood of having a controlled crossing outside the main gate. I will be contacting the council in the next few weeks to see if this is feasible and will keep you updated.

I hope that covers any general issues that may have arisen in the past week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Markham', is written on a light blue background.

Mr C Markham

Head of School.

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