



Bligh Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers.

As we approach the end of the second week of term there are a few matters that the School Administration Team would like to share with you.

School Trends

We have had lots of enquiries from parents regarding the uniform. We have been advised that School Trends have had a very busy summer with all of the school uniform orders. Therefore, if you have ordered school uniform via School Trends and requested it to be delivered to the school, we will ensure it makes its way to your child as soon as it arrives.

You may also be aware that they no longer sell the school ties. We have looked into this for you and can confirm that you can buy either of the ties from Amazon.co.uk.

The following links will take you directly to the site:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00I2OJAUM>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/School-Ties-Double-Stripe->

Telephone Calls to the School

Our telephone lines have been very busy this term and we apologise if you have not always been able to make contact to us first time.

Can we please ask from now on that any enquiries that need be passed to another member of staff within the school are emailed to us at the Email address at the top of this letter. This way we are able to forward the Email directly to the member of staff involved.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, can we ask that you email the school office to advise your child's name and class and the reason of absence. Can this please be emailed to absences@blighfed.medway.sch.uk.

The school office is very busy at both the beginning and end of the school day; therefore if you know that someone else will be collecting your child can we please ask in the first instance that this is emailed to the school office in order to ensure we can pass this on to your child's teacher. There are times when we may receive a call at the end of the day and may not have the staff ability to ensure these messages are taken to the classrooms.

School Opening Times

Please be advised that the Senior Leadership Team will open the gates at 8.40am and 3.10pm. We have noticed a lot of unsupervised children are pressing the intercom system to gain entry any time from 8.20. The children's safety is our main concern and we would therefore, prefer them to enter the school grounds once there is a member of staff present.

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Before and Afterschool Club

The gates to the main carpark for entrance to Breakfast Club automatically open at 7.30 and will close again at 8am. If you arrive after this time, we would ask that you park in the carpark opposite and press the intercom to gain access.

They will then open again for Afterschool Club and remain open between the hours of 16.00 and 18:00.

Can we please ask if you are entering the car park using a vehicle during these times that you do park in the lined bays, again this is for the safety of the children.

Parking Around the School Grounds

You may have noticed that the Bounty Public House over the Summer Break had a barrier installed across the entrance. This has meant that we have seen an increased number of cars parking around the local area.

This has raised a number of concerns with both parents of the school along with the local residents. Can we please ask that you do not block a resident's drive when dropping off and collecting and that you do not park on any of the yellow Zig Zag lines outside of the school.

Admission to Primary and Secondary 2019

The Secondary Admission Procedure is now open, if your child is currently in Year 6 and you are looking to attend a Medway Secondary School, please apply via www.Medway.gov.uk/admissions. If you are looking to attend a Kent based school then please apply via www.kent.gov.uk. Please be advised that this needs to be completed before the closing date of 5pm on 31st October 2018.

If your child currently attends Cherry Nursery, you need to apply for a place into Year R. The application process opens on Monday 17th September 2018 and closes on Tuesday 15th January 2019. Again, the application is an online process and you need to visit www.Medway.gov.uk/admissions.

Although we are a primary school, if your child currently attends year 2 and you wish for them to join Year 3 in September 2019, you do need to apply also. The Medway.gov website is where you need to complete your application before 15th January 2019. Places to year 3 **are not** automatic from year 2.

Please contact the school office if we can be of any assistance with any of your enquiries.

Yours sincerely

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