

# GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## **Welcome to Year 3 and Great Bradforbs Junior School.**

It has been good to meet all the children again and we are pleasantly surprised at how quickly they are settling in and getting to know our routines.

We are aware that there are quite a few changes for you and your child as you move schools even though we are only across the car park. Those of you with older children here will not have as many questions as our 'new' parents. Hopefully some of the reminders in this letter will be helpful to you as you continue to settle in. In a sense it is a list of FAQs.

### **P.E.:**

The children will need their P.E. kit every week and most leave their kit in school. They need both indoor and outdoor kit, so shorts and t-shirt for indoors and warmer clothes for outdoors. We do make sure the children bring their kit home each holiday for washing. It needs to be in school on a Monday morning if they take it home at the weekends.

### **Hair accessories:**

These should be the school royal blue, black, white or navy. If the large bows on clips are being worn they will need to be removed for P.E. Long hair needs to be tied back for P.E. so a hair scrunchie in the P.E. kit is useful.

### **Earrings and watches:**

These need to be removed for P.E. lessons and the children should be able to take them out themselves. The teachers all have a tin or box for them to be kept safe during the lesson. Earrings should be a small stud (no sleepers, hoops or dangly earrings). No other jewellery should be worn.

### **Lunches and snack:**

If your child is having a school lunch they have a choice at the moment of a hot meal or a cold meal and they need to ask for which they want during the register. It is a good idea for you to check the school menu (on display on the TV in reception and on our website) to make sure they will eat what is on the menu. We do not make the children take and eat a pudding – it is a choice and they can have fruit too. We do expect them to eat some of what they take though.



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*If you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals then you must apply for this via the Essex County Council website – it is not automatic as in the Infant School. So far we are only aware of one child and this is not usual!*

If you pay for meals they can be paid for in the office by yourselves or via the teacher by your child. Any outstanding monies owed at the end of the week will be notified by text on a Friday and we will expect payment before your child can have school dinners again. We do not get any funding for the lunches and we have to run this as a business.

The children do not get a free snack as in the Infant School so they will probably want something to keep them going. Most have something in their bag or their lunch box. Some children get confused and eat a lot of their lunch at snack time if it is in their lunch box so it is worth ensuring they know which is which.

### **Homework and Reading book:**

You should have received a letter via the homework books about this plus how the reading works. Any messages for teachers can be written in the homework book or reading record book (but do remind your child to show it to the teacher). It is important that the children bring these books to school every day and several get upset if they have been left at home. The teachers may not check reading records every day and the children need to ask to quiz and change their reading books if needed. If your child has not done this at least once a week then have a quick word with the teacher at the end of the day.

### **Letters home:**

By now you should have had two clubs letters and a trip letter. If you haven't they may be lurking in the bottom of the school bag. If you can't find them then we always have spares in the office and we usually put copies on our school website too.

### **Art Shirt:**

Mrs Walker forgot to ask you all to send in an unwanted man's shirt which can be used as an art shirt or an art apron. These can be kept on their peg.

### **Lost Property:**

This is in the Year 3 cloakroom but if everything is named it has a much better chance of getting back to its owner.

### **Any more questions:**

Please just ask us! Mrs Shead is at the door every morning and the teachers at the end of the day. I can often be found outside at the beginning and end of the day too. The Office Ladies also have lots of answers. There is lots of information on our school website.



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I hope we all have a good term and that your children soon become old hands at being in the Junior School and enjoy their learning and playtimes.

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Headteacher



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