



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to all our lovely new children and families. The children have come in remarkably well considering it has been such a warm first week, and the classes have built up really nicely across it. Thank you for your patience as the children make this gradual start to their first school year.

We hope the following information will be helpful as you get use to the new routines of school life.

### **Snacks and drinks**

At Borough Green Primary School, every child in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One is offered a free healthy snack. In Apple and Lime Classes, we have two 15-minute snack scheduled each day for the children to sit altogether, relax and have a drink of milk or water and eat some fresh fruit or vegetables. During this time, an adult will read them a story. This snack is funded by the government, as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Each child receives a piece of fresh fruit, such as a clementine, an apple or a banana, or a fresh vegetable, such as a carrot, some sugar snap peas or a tomato. They are also provided with a carton of milk until they turn 5 years old.

Should you wish for your child to continue having milk after their fifth birthday, you will need to pay for this. Should you wish to provide your own snack for your child, please send in a very small portion of either fresh fruit or vegetables, chopped and in a very small, named container.

Please send in a water bottle each day, filled with drinking water only, no juice, fizzy or flavoured water. We encourage children to drink water during snack times and at other points during the day.

**For the first term or two, please provide a set of spare pants/knickers.** We have a limited supply of these at school and ask that if we do supply these for your child, they are returned, having been washed.

### **Equipment to be available daily**

A green BGPS Book Bag--named

- One *very small* key ring may be attached before your child recognizes their name.
- Your child's reading book should stay in their reading bag and be brought to school every day.

A refillable water bottle--named

- filled with water and brought to school every day
- Please do not put water bottles inside book bags.

A pair of wellingtons – to remain in school

A hat – to remain at school

- In colder weather, this should be a wooly hat and be accompanied with a pair of mittens or gloves
- In hot, sunny weather, this should be a cap or sunhat

A coat

- In colder weather, this should be a coat with padding or lining
- In hot weather, this can be a light jacket

### **Uniform**

Uniform promotes a sense of belonging and equality. We expect our children to demonstrate pride in their appearance and respect for the school uniform. **Please ensure your child is in correct uniform at all times.**

Grey tailored trousers or shorts

Grey skirt, pinafore dress

White shirt/polo shirt

White short-sleeved shirt/blouse

School bottle green round neck/V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan

School tie (optional)

Black tights

Grey socks (white socks can be worn with dresses)

Green checked dress

Black shoes

Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Excessive hair accessories or extreme hair styles or colour are also not permitted. No jewellery except for one, small, stud earring allowed in each ear. Analogue watches are encouraged but SMART watches are not allowed.

Many items are available from the school office. To order uniform please click on the link <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/> or visit the uniform section on our website.

The Parent and Teachers' Association also runs an excellent second-hand uniform shop on site.

### **PE kit**

This term, we have PE on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on this day. If a child is unable to join in with the PE lessons due to injury they should still come in their full PE kit as they will contribute to the learning and assessment

of skills covered. Pupils with long hair should have their hair tied back at all times and earrings must be taken out or protected with tape during PE lessons. Teachers are not allowed to take earrings out for children so please ensure it is done before they arrive to school that morning.

**PE kit:**

Trainers

House colour T-shirt

White PE shorts

Green track suit bottoms or black skins underneath the white shorts maybe worn for outdoor games in cold weather. Skins must not be worn without white shorts over the top.

All items of uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name.

Kind Regards



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