



The Buzz this week ...

A warm welcome to the new academic year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the start of the autumn term and from walking around the school they seem genuinely pleased to be back. The staff at Bovington are very mindful that some of the pupils may have felt anxious or a little worried about coming back to school and I would like to reassure you that we will give our pupils the time to talk and to support them so that they feel happy and safe in school.

Fraser portraits will be on site on Tuesday 22nd to take individual photographs please can you ensure your child/ren has the correct uniform. Please **NO PE kits** on this day.

Although school is a bit different now due to COVID 19 we do hope that you are glad to be back and that more normality will return to our lives and school going forward. We are determined to have a great school year and hope you are ready for the fun learning year ahead.



Children due to start Reception and Secondary School September 2020

A Parents' Guide with appendices, which includes all the information required to consider and make an application, is available to read or download from this website dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/parents-guide

Important Dates:

School Type	Closing Date	National Offer Date
Primary (including Infant, Junior, First, Primary and Middle)	15 January 2021	16 April 2021
Secondary (including Secondary and Upper)	31 October 2020	1 March 2021

Medical Information / Uniform

- Please ensure prescribed medication boxes (for medicine that children need to keep in school) are supplied and the appropriate paperwork completed with the office.
- Please ensure ALL uniform and belongings are clearly named to ensure lost items can be returned in a timely manner.

Parent Apps

- Please ensure you are registered with Parentmail. If not please contact the school Office.

School planning

- We have worked really hard to try and make the school as COVID-19 safe and secure, particularly at drop off and pick up times. The measures that we have in place will only work if you all take responsibility for your part in following what we have asked to do. Thank you to those of you who have been able to do this – it is greatly appreciated. Whilst we realise that it is not perfect, arrangements have gone well and will continue to run smoother once you and your children become familiar with the routine

Key Dates :

Tuesday 22nd September – Individual Photographs

Our protocol with regards to children presenting with symptoms

If you phone in to the school office with regards to your child being ill they will ask what symptoms they are presenting with. If symptoms are on the Covid list we will be asking you to seek medical advice (111) as to whether your child needs a Covid test.

If a child becomes ill at school we will isolate them from their peers and ask you to collect them along with their siblings and seek advice as above regarding a Covid test.

Whilst you are awaiting this advice and/or testing we ask that your child and any siblings remain at home. We would appreciate being told about the results as soon as possible as a positive test means that we will be seeking advice from Public Health England.

We really do appreciate how time consuming and disruptive this may be for families but we need to ensure that we are keeping the staff team and the children as safe as possible.



Pupil Premium Free School Meals

You might be able to claim free school meals and uniform allowance if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. This is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income isn't more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

If you fit the eligibility criteria for free schools meals, your child's school may be eligible for pupil premium. Pupil Premium is extra funding given to the school to support more disadvantaged pupils, of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

If you think you may be eligible please apply online at

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>