

3rd January 2023

Dear Families,

Re: Happy new year and priorities for the start of term

Happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful festive period and were able to visit family and friends. Staff returned to school today for a Professional Development (PD) Day and it was lovely to see everyone refreshed and ready for the new year. I am really looking forward to welcoming our students back tomorrow!

Burton Borough Vision and Values – a Reset!

This morning, we carried out a 'Burton Borough School Vision and Values' session that both teaching and support staff discussed and contributed to. The last time we carried out a session like this was in 2016, and a lot, as we know, has changed since then! We felt that it was necessary to look at this again to refresh and reset what we believe it means to be part of the 'Burton Borough School Family'.

It was fantastic listening to the views of staff of the direction in which they think we need to go in the future and our next step, is to carry out a similar activity with our students. BBS is our school, and we need to hear the voices of all stakeholders. We would also love to hear what parents/carers want so I will be inviting you to contribute to what you would like our vision and values to be. More information on how we will do this to come in the near future, after we have carried out the activity with our students.

Focus for the start of the year – Punctuality and being in lessons

We always say that we need to 'get the basics right and the rest will follow'. The main focus for the start of this term is punctuality and being in lessons. To help our students, the following changes will be made:

- Bells will indicate the end of lessons and the start of lessons.
- There will be 3 minutes of 'movement time' from one lesson to another (where there is no break or lunch in between)
- Students who arrive after the 3 minute bell will be marked as late on the register.
- Parents/carers will be informed if their child is late to lessons 3 times or more by Small Schools.

The information above will be shared with students tomorrow during Period X but **I would be very grateful if families could let their children know tonight in preparation for tomorrow.**

As a reminder, tomorrow is Wednesday so the first lesson starts at 8:40am, with school gates shutting at 8:35am.

Timetable Change – w/b 16th January 2023

We have listened to families and students on concerns such as split classes and student groupings. I am delighted to say that a new timetable has been written which minimizes the number of splits drastically and has enabled us to shuffle groups around. **The new timetable will come into effect from the w/b 16th January 2023.** New timetables will be shared with students before the 16th January and will be available on MCAS.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal



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