

Welcome Letter - Foundation 1



Miss Minshull



Mrs Jackson



Mrs Rhodes



Miss Landsborough



Miss Holland

Welcome to Bidston Avenue Primary School! We hope you had a wonderful summer. We are excited to have lots of adventures together and can't wait for you and your child to join our Nursery Family.

Currently, we offer both 15 and 30 hours of education. Our morning sessions start at 8:45 and finish at 11:45. Our afternoon sessions start at 12:15 and finish at 3:15. Some of our children also stay over the lunchtime period. Please enter school via the gate on Tollemache Road, down the sloped walkway and across the playground and through the F1 gate. A member of the F1 team will greet you at the Nursery door. Please then exit school via the sloped walkway in the Tollemache Road playground.

We will send out home learning ideas at the beginning of each topic. These will be activities for you to do with your child at home, linked to their current learning in class. At Bidston Avenue, we place a high priority on fostering a love of reading and developing children's vocabulary. It is really important to support your child's reading by ensuring you sing nursery rhymes together and share a lots of stories. Reading a story to your child before bed is a great time to add reading into your daily routine. Your child will need a reading bag; available from the uniform shop in Birkenhead. Your child's reading book will be changed as soon as they bring it back. Please ensure that your child's book bag is brought to school every day as we also use your child's reading bag to send home other letters and important information.

In Foundation 1, we will be using Tapestry to create online 'Learning Journeys' for each child. By logging on with a secure username and password you will be able to view observations, photographs and even videos of your child during their time in Foundation 1. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely

and you can reflect upon their achievements with them. You will also be able to add photographs and comments of your own to show learning that takes place at home and outside of school. Further information about Tapestry will be sent out to parents/carers in the next few weeks. You will receive an activation email asking you to set up your account and create a password.

Please can you provide your child with a labelled bag containing spare clothes and a labelled water bottle. Please ensure their water bottle only contains water. The children are able to re-fill this in school and have access to it throughout the school day. Also, if you have not already done so, please visit the Cool Milk website to register your child for milk at school at <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that this does not include any products containing nuts. Please do not put sweets in your child's lunch box.

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Children need to attend school in their PE kits on their allocated days. This is a white T-shirt, black shorts and pumps, or trainers. During colder weather, black tracksuit bottoms or leggings can be worn.

Your child will be allocated their key worker during our induction period over the next couple of weeks. We will send a letter home informing you of which adult this will be.

Got a smartphone? You can download our free school app. Works with iPhone, Android and Windows. Search for us in your app store and download it today! <http://jsa4.me/bapprimary>

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the F1 staff.