



# Bramley St. Peter's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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*Journeying together  
with God*

Dear parents/carers,

Within this envelope is your child's report for this academic year. The format has changed this year as we want to ensure a balance between informing parents/carers about their child and managing the workload of our staff.

Resources in school continue to be stretched and our budget, like many schools in the country, is in a deficit position. We remain committed to providing the best education possible for our pupils within the limits this brings.

The level of need within school remains high and the external systems around Special Educational Needs are unable to support the volume of need. This is an issue across Leeds and is also reflected across the country.

In September we are making a number of changes within school to further support our pupils in their learning journeys. Here are some examples of the changes ahead.

- You will have hopefully seen the information sent out about the 'One Life' programme. This will transform the beginning of the day to enable a 'softer' start to take place.
- Our school is part of a project around 'Social and Emotional Learning'. We know these are areas we need to develop more within our school community and pupils need to be taught skills such as knowledge of emotions, regulation (managing emotions) and making responsible decisions. We will be looking at how we teach these skills explicitly within our curriculum.
- We are reviewing our behaviour policy and our approach to behaviour management within school. This will be reviewed with staff in September and changes will be shared with pupils at the start of our new academic year.

As parents/carers you also need to ensure you support your child's learning journey and their development through school.

- Good attendance is vital. Missing a few days can mean your child has missed a topic in maths or a few sounds in phonics. They may have missed the build up to and planning for a piece of writing. These all lead to your child being behind in their learning. The curriculum is very full and, whilst we appreciate illnesses happen, your child should be in school every day.
- Punctuality will be even more important in September than it already is. The introduction to the day (morning routine) will change the feel of this time and will be teaching our pupils vital life skills. The children really will be missing out if they are not in this first session of the day.



- Spend time with your child – read with and to them, take them out of the house to experience things (e.g. feed the ducks, go to the park, walk along the canal) and most importantly talk to them.
- Set the right tone for school. We want all our pupils to have a positive attitude to learning. Our Growth Mindset characters teach us about key learning characteristics – Professor Perseverance, Captain Challenge, Inspector Independence and Major Mistake. Persevering when learning is tricky, challenging yourself to do more, being independent and making a mistake and learning from it – none of these aspects are easy but are needed in order to learn well.
- Ensure your child is ready for school. Your child should be coming to school fully prepared for the day ahead.
  - Ensure they are wearing the correct uniform. Footwear should be black (only black), jumpers even on PE days should be red and jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons so ensure any earrings are studs and not hoops (can be easily pulled).
  - Come with the right resources. Book bags should be in school every day with reading books and reading records in them.
  - Your child should bring a bottle with water in it. We will not be permitting juice in September so now is the time to train your child that this is the expectation.

### Dates of training days for next year

Please note the following dates will be allocated as training days for next academic year:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (*Children will start their year on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.*)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October (*Children will break up for the October half term break on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.*)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (*Children will finish the school year and break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.*)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Staff news

- Mrs Hannon is leaving our school to move to another school. We wish her all the best for the future.
- Mrs Davidson has returned from her maternity leave.
- We are therefore welcoming some new staff to our team.
  - Miss Malley will be joining us as a specialist SEMH teacher. This is within our drive to ensure our provision in school is the best it can be for all our pupils.
  - Miss Heaney will be a new TA working initially in Y2.

### Classes for next year

The class structure for next year will be:

Year group	Class	Teacher	Support staff
Nursery	NLM	Mrs Mullarkey	Mrs Kay (3 days) Mrs Hall (3 days) Mrs Crowther (2 days) Apprentice (TBC)



Reception	RWA	Mrs Wilson	Miss Webster		Mrs Whitaker
	RED	Miss Durrant	Miss Wright		
Year 1	1CN	Mrs Newlands/Mrs Connolly	Mrs Varley	Miss Dearlove (am only)	
	1SB	Miss Bainbridge	Mrs Knapton		
Year 2	2BD	Mrs Davidson	Miss Carpenter		
	2KJ	Mrs Jobling	Miss Heaney		

Year 3	3LG	Miss Garner	Miss Simpson	
	3HG	Mrs Gee	Mrs Johnson	
Year 4	4SH	Mrs Hurst	Miss Kittsen	
	4CC	Mr Cave	Mrs Bryant	
Year 5	5TM	Mr Mulvihill	Miss Dixon	
	5HC	Miss Carter (4 days) (Ms Sedman will teach Mondays)	Miss Brighthouse	
Year 6	6BW	Mrs Wood	Mr Muckelt	
	6LS	Miss Shoemith	Mrs Leonard	

The children have had the opportunity to meet their new staff on our transition morning. Our transition always starts in June and there will have been aspects happening that the children or yourselves were not aware of, prior to the transition morning. There are still elements to happen in the last week of term too including, for some children, bringing home social stories for use over the summer holidays.

### Uniform

Please remember to refer to the uniform list (see below) **before** you buy items for September. There is also a copy of this list on the school website.

- Red sweatshirt\* or cardigan\* - available with the school logo
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (with collar)
- White/grey socks
- Plain black shoes or black trainers (anything with a heel is not appropriate in the school building). Shoes and trainers should be ALL black. Please note that coloured stripes or laces on shoes/trainers do not meet the uniform requirements.
- Red checked or striped dress (optional for summer term)

### PE kit

- Pumps (indoor only) or trainers
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Red t-shirt - available with the school logo\*
- Draw string bag for PE kit

\* items can be bought in school



- Jewellery is not necessary in school and therefore is not permitted. However, children may wear a watch (not smart watch) and those children with pierced ears may wear small plain studs.
- Long hair should be tied back with an appropriately coloured (red, white or black) bobble. All other hair accessories should be appropriately coloured too. This includes braids and beads.
- Extreme hair styles, including colouring, are not suitable and are strongly discouraged.
- Nail varnish should not be worn in school.

You can purchase uniform with our school logo on from Whittakers Schoolwear on Farsley Town Street or via their website ([click here](#)).

We recognise that times may be hard financially so please do remember that we often have second hand uniform in school and we donate to the Leeds Inner West Uniform Exchange too. More information can be found here (<https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk/>) and information about the pop up shops happening over the summer is here

### BRAMLEY (LS13) UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Date: Tue 12 August 2025

Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Address: Breeze in the Park, Bramley Park, LS13 3PG

Entrance to the Breeze events is FREE if you just require school uniform, let the staff on the entrance know you just want to visit the uniform stand. If you would like to participate in the fun activities on offer, tickets can be purchased for £1 per child at [www.breezeleeds.org/breeze-in-the-park/](http://www.breezeleeds.org/breeze-in-the-park/)

([https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk/pop\\_up\\_shops/](https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk/pop_up_shops/))

There are also regular places to collect free uniform from

- Bramley Community Hub and Library (Hough Lane) – every Monday to Saturday – they have a few rails of uniform you can take for free. Unwanted uniform can be placed in the donation bin near the front desk. Donations should be clean and ideally bagged.
- Bramley Wholefoods (Bramley Shopping Centre) – every Tuesday to Sunday – they have a few rails of uniform you can take for free.

### Website

The school website ([www.bsp.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.bsp.leeds.sch.uk)) has lots of key information on so please do keep checking it on a regular basis.

We thank you for your continued support during this year. I hope you have a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Esplin  
Headteacher

