



# Settling in to Year 4

A booklet to help you and your child settle  
into a new year at  
**Beaumont Primary School**

Inside you will find reminders about school routines,  
as well as information about the work your  
child will cover this year.

Please keep this leaflet in a safe place  
to refer to during the year.  
*We hope you will find it useful*

Your child's teacher is **Miss Marren**,  
who will be supported by **Mrs Heyes and Miss Parsons**

Your child may  
also be taught occasionally by:  
**Mrs V Bennett and Mrs Partington**

*Children are at the heart of everything we do.*



## OUR SCHOOL DAY

School opens	-	8.45a.m.
Registration	-	8.55 am
Dinner Time	-	12 noon-1.00pm.
School closes	-	3.25 p.m. (Rec 3.20 pm)

## DINNER TIMES

There are three options for dinner provision:

- eat a school dinner
- bring a packed lunch
- go home for dinner

We strongly encourage children to choose a school dinner, as storing packed lunch boxes can be difficult in our limited space. Please note, lunchboxes are not refrigerated in school. Dinner money must be paid in advance either each Monday morning or half termly or termly and sent in a named, labelled envelope. The present cost is £1.40 per day, £7.00 per week.

## ABSENCES

Please inform school on the first day of absence that your child is not in school by 9.30am. We are required by law to log the reason for any absence. If we do not know why your child is not in school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and shown on your child's report at the end of the year. If your child has a medical appointment, please take the appointment card to the school office. Children are expected to return to school if at all possible. Please avoid booking routine appointments e.g. dental checkups, during the school day.

## PUNCTUALITY

We believe it is really important that children get into good habits early in life and understand that punctuality is a sign of good manners, as well as a key skill. **To help parents, we have a staggered start where the children can come into school from 8.45am to 8.55am and complete 'Early Morning Tasks'.** We accept that there will be rare occasions, when emergencies and unavoidable circumstances arise, which result in your children arriving late for school, **however this is not acceptable when it becomes a regular pattern.**

## About Miss Marren

Miss Marren successfully completed her NQT year here at Beaumont and is now ready to start her third year of teaching in Year 4. Miss Marren loves her job and tries very hard to ensure all lessons are exciting and engaging. When Miss Marren is not in school she enjoys visiting new places, keeping fit and eating out! Fun fact: Miss Marren came to Beaumont Primary School when she was little!

## A note from Miss Marren

*"Welcome to Year Four!*

*You have a great year to look forward to with so many new things to learn from our engaging and exciting curriculum. As you are now in Year 4 I will be expecting you to set a good example to younger children by following the Year 4 class rules - work hard, listen carefully, treat others how you would like to be treated and respect all. "*

The OPEN SESSION when you can call into class to speak to Miss Marren is **Wednesday** after school.

### Top Tips For Year 4

- Try to be organised and bring everything you need for school each day.**
- Ensure all homework set is completed and returned to school.**
- Encourage reading, discussing and evaluating the books they have read.**
- Use our new website to help you with your learning.**
- Enjoy learning!**

## HOLIDAYS

Our school recognises that good attendance is a key factor in helping to ensure that children make excellent progress and fulfil their potential. We thank you, in anticipation of your support in this matter.

In light of government legislation, **no term time holidays will be authorised**, however Governors have agreed to continue to authorise a maximum of one day's absence for each religious celebration, e.g. Eid, which falls on a week day.

The legislation means that, any absence for a holiday will be recorded as unauthorised. **If a child has 10 or more days of unauthorised absences in any two consecutive half terms, the Local Authority will issue a penalty notice leading to a fine.** Amendments to the 2007 regulations also reduce the timescales for paying a penalty notice. The Local Authority will issue a fine of £60, to be paid with 21 days, for **each** adult, living at the child's address, for **each** child, which increases to £120 within 28 days.

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Prescribed medication can only be accepted in school when essential i.e. inhalers, medication that needs to be taken four times a day. All medicines need to be provided in the original container and include the child's name and prescriber's instructions. All medications need to be brought to the school office and parental consent signed. School staff cannot give non-prescribed medication but Parents can come into school to administer it if required at an appropriate time.

## HOME TIME

For your child's safety, we ask that all children are met by a responsible adult at 3.25p.m. If a different adult than usual is to meet your child, please inform school in writing or speak to your child's class teacher. If older children are to go home alone, please make sure they understand the importance of going straight home and not going to a friend's house without letting you know first.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Children are asked to leave valuable possessions at home as school cannot be held responsible for their safety.

## Year 4 Curriculum

All children at Beaumont are taught within the framework of the National Curriculum Below you will find details of the work your child will cover in some of those subjects.

### English

In Year 4 we will study and write in a variety of genres such as: stories with historical settings, stories set in imaginary worlds and from other cultures, stories which raise issues, plays, newspapers, information texts and poetry.

We will look at the work of modern and classical authors.

The characteristics of various types of non-fiction texts will be discussed and the children will be given structured experience in writing in them.

There will also be opportunities to discuss, act and evaluate a wide variety of written texts.

### Maths

Children will learn: counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts and understanding shape, handling data and measures, calculating and measuring. This year we are introducing Inspire Maths in Y1-Y6, which is a transformational whole school primary maths programme, based on the successful Singapore approach to maths. **You are invited to attend a parent workshop on Wednesday 4th October at 9.00am to find out more.**

### Science

The main Y4 science topics are Living things and their Habitats, Animals including Humans, States of matter, Sound and Electricity. In addition, data handling (Maths) will be covered in Science as part of the new curriculum.

### Topic Work including Computing (formerly ICT)

Throughout the year the children will be discovering new and exciting topics which will also be linked to our literacy and maths lessons. The topics that we will be researching are World War II, Inventions, India, Splash of Colour, Volcanoes and Vikings.

## Educational Visits

Educational visits are an important part of the school calendar and enable the children to enjoy first hand experiences of their topics. To maintain the current level of trips we need to ensure we receive sufficient voluntary contributions. We will now be sending the letters home at least 2 months before the trip, with the deadline for payment usually 4 weeks before the trip, which will be strictly enforced. If insufficient contributions are received the trip will be cancelled.

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Your child will have a P.E. lesson twice each week on **Thursday** and **Friday**. A P.E. kit consisting of named gym shoes (please check that these fit) Green shorts and a yellow tee-shirt and trainers for outdoor P.E. In the colder months of the year children may wear tracksuits for outdoor P.E. This kit should be in school at all times, in a **small draw-string bag**. It can be taken home each half term to be washed. Please note no trainers are allowed at break times and no football shirts to be worn for P.E.

The Local Authority's policy is that all jewellery **must** be removed before undertaking any physical activity. It would be helpful if jewellery was not worn on the days that your child is involved in P.E. or games for health and safety reasons.

## HOMEWORK

Please see our schools website for fuller details of our homework policy. Homework in Year 4 will be given out on Friday and is due in before or on the following Wednesday.

*We look forward to supporting your child this year and hope that this marks the start of a happy and productive partnership between school and home.*

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils at Beaumont are expected to wear School Uniform every day. Our uniform list is available on the school website. School shoes should be black and not black trainers. Please remember to label all clothing so that it can be returned to you. **Your child will need a small book bag as we do not allow rucksacks or other large bags.** Book Bags and PE bags are available from the school office as well as Whittakers Schoolwear and Touchline.

All school uniform can now be purchased from Whittakers Schoolwear on Deansgate in Bolton or online from Tesco or Touchline (please see the school website for full details). If ordering from Touchline, please check sample sizes which are held in school office as no exchanges are possible.

## COMMUNICATION

We hope to communicate with parents as effectively as possible here at Beaumont. You will receive regular newsletters and notes from your child's class teacher which will keep you informed. News and events from class can be seen by following our Twitter - @beaumontyear4.

Please check your child's school bag to make sure that you have received your letters as they do sometimes go astray.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or information that you feel we need to know. Don't forget to use the class teacher's Weekly Open Session when you can call in to see the teacher, or if your child may wish to share their work with you.

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send out to parents so please check the school website for information [www.beaumontprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.beaumontprimaryschool.co.uk)

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

As a health promoting school, a piece of fruit may be brought for play-times in KS2 (currently provided for Reception and KS1). Children are asked to bring water into school in a clearly labelled sports bottle. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging healthy eating habits.