

26th April 2021

Parent/Carer

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted that you have chosen Bradford Academy for your child’s school journey and look forward to welcoming you in September. We are hoping that the road map out of lockdown continues on its current path, if this is the case, we can hold our new parent’s meetings at school. We will be having our meetings across 3 session times so that no more than 20 families will be attending each meeting. Your meeting will give you the chance to meet school staff, receive all the information you require, and to ask any questions you may have. Your date/ time are included in this information pack.

In this information pack, you should have:

- A PowerPoint presentation, which will be shared in person at a new parents meeting in school. We have taken the decision to send this now as well, in case we are unable to hold the meeting in person.
- FAQs you may have prior to your child starting school. Including information on uniform, term dates, key adults in school etc.
- Your date/ time for the new parents meeting.
- ***If your child is new to Bradford Academy:*** your date/ time for a stay and play session
- *A data check sheet that needs to be completed and uploaded on our Academy website under the September 2021 New Admissions section. We also require a copy of either your child’s passport or birth certificate uploading on there.*

If Government guidance remains on track, we will follow the plans outlined below:

If your child currently attends Bradford Academy Nursery	If your child <u>DOES NOT</u> currently attend Bradford Academy Nursery
<p>Children will spend time in Reception with their new teachers and new classmates to support their transition.</p> <p>Children who may require additional settling in support will be given extra time in Reception and additional support will be put in place (this will be discussed with you if deemed necessary)</p>	<p>Your child is invited to an hour long stay and play session. Each session is for 10 families in order to keep to small groups.</p> <p>At the stay and play sessions we will give you information about your child’s new teachers. It will include the names of all adults working with your child and some more information about them.</p>

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Children will bring home information about their new teacher after meeting them. It will include the names of all adults working with your child and some more information about them.

If your child currently attends a childcare setting, we will make contact with them to discuss any needs your child may have, any friends who will also be attending Bradford Academy, and how they are progressing academically.

If your child requires extra setting in support, this will be put in place e.g. a home visit, a visit to your child's current childcare provider.

Please be aware that if Government guidance changes, meaning that current measures are still in place, our plans will have to change. Under our current bubble system, Nursery children and new to Bradford Academy children would be unable to attend stay and play in their new classroom. We are all sincerely hoping that this will not be the case by July.

FAQs

Question	Answer
Where do I get my child's uniform from? What do they wear?	Our primary uniform is sold at SportsFX in Cleakheaton. Address: Sports FX, 61-71 Northgate, Cleakheaton, BD19 3HZ. Phone number: 01274 879569 Email: sportsfx@yahoo.co.uk Please use the following link to see all primary uniform options https://www.sportsfx.co.uk/product-category/school-uniform/bradford-academy-primary/ Children in Reception require a PE t-shirt, shorts and a pair of pumps for PE.
What do I need to have for my child when they start school?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A full uniform 2. Pumps for PE 3. A water bottle 4. A lunch box (if bringing packed lunches) 5. A book bag (given by school for new to Bradford Academy children after starting school, our Nursery children should already have one) 6. Spare clothes in a bag on their peg (this does not need to be uniform) 7. A PE kit (t-shirt and shorts) 8. A waterproof coat 9. Wellies to leave at school for outdoor play <p>PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME IN EVERYTHING! 😊</p>

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Do all the children start on the same day?	Usually children will start in a staggered way with small groups of children starting per day. We start Bradford Academy Nursery children first, then children who are new to us.
What are your term dates and holidays?	Please use this link to access our term dates for 2021-22: https://www.bradfordacademy.co.uk/parents/term-dates/
Who else works at Bradford Academy?	Please follow the link to access photos of key people in school https://www.bradfordacademy.co.uk/academy-info/leadership/ Our primary principal is Mel Saville, our SENCO is Jen Jakes, our EYFS lead and Reception class teacher is Jenny Raine
What are the timings of the school day?	Children attend: Monday-Thursday 8.15-3.00pm Friday 8.15- 2.00pm Children who arrive after 8.25am are late and need to be signed in at the primary office.
What are the classrooms like?	We have 2 Reception classes which the children can move between when playing. Outside is also always open. Inside children always have access to the following areas: Creative, paint, water/sand, small world play, construction, maths activities, reading/ writing activities, phonics activities, a home corner, a topic linked role play area and additional activities around the room.
Can I come into the classroom at drop off?	If Government guidance out of lockdown remains on track, you are very welcome to come into the classroom to settle your child. We always have a 'morning job' which you can stay to help your child complete. Initially this will be learning to write their name.
Does school have a breakfast club?	Yes. Breakfast club opens at 7.30am and children are taken to class at 8.15am. Bagels, toast, cereal and a range of other food is on offer. Children can also take part in other activities such as crafts or games in the hall. There is a small cost for each session and sessions must be pre-booked. More information will be given at the new parents meeting.
Does Bradford Academy offer after school care?	Bradford Academy does not offer after school childcare. However children can be collected from school (school staff handover) to an external childcare provider 'Creative Child' who are based on Tong Street 01274 231735 .
Does Bradford Academy offer after school clubs?	Adults in school offer a range of after school clubs throughout the year to the full range of year groups across school. This means that at times there are clubs on offer for Reception children, and not at others as it's the turn of the older children.

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	This has been unable to happen this year, we are hopeful that restrictions continue to be lifted and allow us to run clubs again.
What foods are children offered in school? What if my child is a fussy eater or has allergies?	<p>More information can be found at https://www.bradfordacademy.co.uk/parents/school-meal-information/</p> <p>Children in Reception receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -free bagels or toast on arrival at school -snack time of a piece of fruit and a carton of milk -a free school meal (this is usually choice of meat and vegetarian warm dinner, a range of sandwiches, a jacket potato) OR packed lunch from home. Sample menus can be found on our website by following the link above. -free healthy foods selection to add to their dinner (fruits/vegetables) Children who bring a packed lunch can also access this. <p>Allergies: we will always aim to provide a meal for all our children and can therefore accommodate allergies. Please email us in advance if this will be required for your child. New2EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk</p> <p>We have lots of fussy eaters! We have the weekly menu printed at school so you can talk to us at drop off/pick up about what your child should choose. They can also 'top up' their meal using the healthy foods offer.</p>
My child has additional needs, what should I do? (e.g. speech and language, learning difficulties, a physical need)	Our SENCO is primary is Jen Jakes. Please use the email New2EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk if you feel there is something we should know about your child prior to them starting school. We will arrange a phone call if we are not able to meet you in person prior to September. We can begin to put plans in place prior to September e.g. with external agencies so please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel you need to. If possible, we can meet in person to discuss things in detail.
My child has an allergy, takes medication or has another health need, what should I do?	Please use the email New2EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk if you feel there is something we should know about your child prior to them starting school. If your child needs a care plan we can complete this with you in person if possible, or over the phone. A care plan details any needs your child may have and how staff need to deal with this.

If you have any further questions or things you wish to discuss, please email New2EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk and we will do our best to support you.

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You can also access our website www.bradfordacademy.co.uk where there is more information which may answer any questions you have.

Finally, it is vital that you confirm you wish to accept your place with us at Bradford Academy, we urge you to do this as quickly as possible please if you have not already done so. You can do this by emailing New2EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk

Please make sure you include your child's full name and date of birth so we can identify whose place you are confirming.

Welcome to Bradford Academy!

Yours Sincerely

Jenny Raine

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