

# BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

The first week has passed in the blink of an eye; I hope that the children are settling into a good routine and have enjoyed the first few days of the new term.

On Friday, we held the first Celebration Assembly of the new year. These will be held on an alternating basis for Lower School (Years 1-3) and Upper School (Years 4-6.) Good Work Awards have been replaced with Head's Awards, with more children receiving them each week. With only half of the school in attendance, it allows more time to talk to individual children about their achievements and explore recent learning.

Achievements from out of school will also be shared at this time so please do send in any medals or certificates. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September will also see the award of positions of responsibility for Year 6. Though we appreciate it is short notice, it would be appreciated if some of the newly appointed School Officials could be available for Open Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst children are not providing tours at this time, they are one of our greatest assets and prospective parents would value the opportunity to meet a handful of our oldest children in a Covid-safe environment.

Assemblies are now taking place later in the morning to ensure that children are engaged in learning when they are at their freshest and most receptive. As communicated in the Pre-Term Information, registration is at 8:25am and the first lesson of the day begins at 8:30am. Please ensure that children arrive in school in good time to attend registration and organise themselves and their belongings.

We are extremely pleased that so many children are making good use of the Co-curricular programme. Whilst amendments and changes are inevitable during the first week, can we please ask that children now remain in the activities that they are booked onto for the remainder of the half term? For safeguarding reasons, staff must take a register at the beginning of each session so please do make sure that Form Teachers are informed if children are not able to attend for any reason.

Thank you for bearing with us if collection arrangements seemed a little chaotic last week. The logistics of delivering large groups of children, with coats and bags, from so many after-school activities to parents is quite complex and is very new for all of us. The thunderstorms and torrential downpours at the end of the week certainly didn't help! **Please see the information below for amendments/reminders relating to after-school activities for children in Years 3-6:**

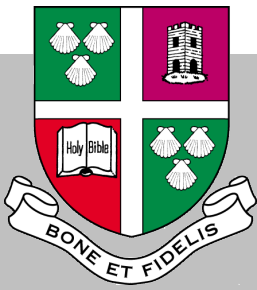
- In order speed up collection time after activities, from today, all children in Years 3-6, who remain in school for Co-curricular reasons will congregate on the Tennis Court at 4:30pm to meet parents. They will remain there until 4:55pm, when children will be taken for Tea, followed by Late Prep. This change particularly affects Years 3 and 4 as they will now be served tea at the later time of 5pm.

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- Parents should collect from the Tennis Court, in the usual way, until 4:55pm and then approach the member of staff at the front door from 5.00pm. Miss Minter and Miss Kay, our new member of staff in the Office, will assist parents with collection after 5.00pm.
- It would be helpful if children in Year 3 and above are aware if they are staying for tea each day as numbers are sent to the catering team each morning. Please ensure that you have this conversation with children on the way to school.
- Children participating in Sports activities after-school that require them to change into kit will be able to leave school after the activity in their kit if they are not staying for tea. Those children remaining in school for tea will be required to change into uniform before entering the Dining Room. Please discuss this with your child in the morning so that they are aware of collection arrangements.
- Collection from Swimming Club is 4:45pm from Woodhouse Grove Sports Hall Reception or 5.00pm from Brontë.
- Mr Bedford and Mr Waterhouse have requested that Rugby Club for both Years 5 and 6 on Monday and Years 3 and 4 on Thursday be extended to 4:45pm. Parents may collect children from the Tennis Court at this time.
- Unfortunately, Mrs Downs is absent due to illness this week. Children who should be attending 'BBC Presents' and Gardening will instead be directed to Early Prep or they may be collected from 3:45pm by parents.

A reminder of the wet weather procedures may be found below:

In the event of poor weather, children going home at the end of school will be dismissed from the following exit points:

Year 1, 2 and 3 – red front door

Year 4 and 6 – Greenwood doors

Year 5 – Library door

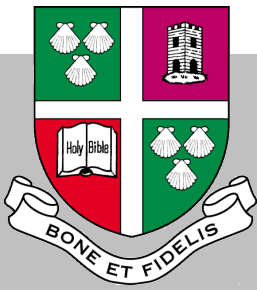
After 4.00pm – all children to be collected from the red front door

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Fixtures start this week, with an Under 11 Rugby Festival at Gateways on Friday. This is the first time we have played against other schools in over a year and a half, and we hope that the children enjoy the experience.

Further details of the sporting fixtures this term may be found at the link below. Additional games will be added as the term progresses:

[https://www.woodhousegrovesport.co.uk/Fixtures\\_Teams.asp?Id=269](https://www.woodhousegrovesport.co.uk/Fixtures_Teams.asp?Id=269)

Finally, it is with regret that I inform you that, after a relatively short period of employment with Brontë House, Mrs Amanda Gifford has decided to leave the School due to personal circumstances. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her future endeavours.

Many thanks for your support at this time. After a break of 18 months, returning to old routines and activities last week was not without its challenges; however, we are delighted that the children are, once again, enjoying the full Brontë experience and making the very most of the many opportunities available.

With very best wishes,

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