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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break; we look forward to welcoming pupils back into school this week. Ahead of this, I thought it would be helpful to provide a quick reminder of our routines and the schedule for the next few days:

Tuesday 1st September is a staff training day and school will be closed for all pupils.

Year Six Arrangements

School is open for year six pupils only on Wednesday 2nd September. Pupils will be tutor based for the first part of the day before having some of their timetabled lessons. All pupils will need to be in full school uniform with their pencil case and a reading book in their school bag together with a full water bottle. We will spend part of the day explaining timetables, canteen and bus routines. If you have set up a ParentPay account, the opportunity to add money for school catering will appear from around mid-morning on 1st September. I am aware that a small number of parents/carers were unable to attend our transition evening and therefore did not get log-in details. We will share these with you this week. If you are unable to get onto ParentPay and upload payment ahead of Wednesday, please ensure your child has a packed lunch with them for their first day.

Pupils who receive Free School Meals will be able to access the canteen from day one. The allowance provides enough for pupils to have a 'meal deal' for lunchtime and a slice of toast at breaktime or have a larger snack at breaktime and a slice of pizza or equivalent at lunch. Parents/carers can also add additional funds to the account through ParentPay, if desired.

Thursday 3rd September

School is open to all pupils on Thursday 3rd September. Pupils will be tutor based for the first part of the day before having timetabled lessons from period three onwards. **Pupils in 6 Avon/Brook and 7 Tower/Vale will need to come to school in their PE kits as they have PE on this day.**

School Uniform, PE Kit and Equipment

A reminder of our school uniform policy, equipment list and what pupils need to wear when they have a PE day can be found on our website here:

<https://www.bredon.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform+Policy&pid=94>

Getting to and from BHA

As existing BHA families will be aware, our school site and the village can get very busy at the start and end of the school day. If you are dropping your child off by car, you can use the turning circle on site between 8:05-8:15am. If you are collecting your child by car, please remain off site and meet your child at the school gates/ask them to walk to a pre-arranged spot. Do not park on the zig-zag lines just outside of our school site or on the grass verge by the new builds directly opposite as this puts the safety of our pupils at risk.

For pupils travelling by bus, Worcestershire County Council have asked us to inform you that they will be applying the No Pass, No Travel (NPNT) policy more rigorously from September. The policy requires pupils travelling on eligible school transport services to present a valid travel pass, or Temporary Authorisation to Travel (TATT), when boarding.

Consistent pass checking helps ensure that only authorised passengers are travelling, prevents overcrowding, and ensures that seats remain available for those who are entitled to transport.

- Pupils should ensure they have their travel pass with them every day.
- Lost, damaged or missing passes should be reported as soon as possible.
- Parents remain responsible for ensuring that their child has successfully boarded transport each morning.

Mobile Phone Policy

Finally, a reminder that no smartphones will be allowed on site for our new year six pupils and they will only be allowed to have 'brick' phones with them. Year seven and eight pupils may continue to have smartphones, should you wish, though we recommend 'brick' phones for them as well. All pupils must have phones turned off and at the bottom of school bags for the duration of the school day. This includes when pupils are on a bus but still on the school site. Any contact between home and pupils must come through the school office.

Should you have any queries, please contact the school office – office@bredon.worcs.sch.uk. Once again, we are delighted to have you and your child(ren) as part of our BHA community and look forward to working with you over the course of the academic year.

Kind Regards,



Mike Horton
Headteacher