



Blakesley Hall Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Blakesley Hall!
Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community. We especially extend a warm welcome to our new families and hope you quickly feel at home.



Building strong, positive relationships between parents, carers, and the school is a top priority for us. We believe that working together is key to providing the best possible experience for our children. To support this, we are creating more opportunities for parents and carers to come into the school and meet our staff in person whilst you work alongside your children.

This newsletter will introduce you to our team, outline the best ways to communicate with us, and share important notices and reminders. In addition, we are excited to launch a new monthly bulletin with information, updates, and celebrations of our pupils' achievements.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and to working closely with all of you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Key

School Values

Our school is committed to being values-driven, focusing on Respect, Unity, Care, Honesty, Resilience, and Appreciation. We are teaching the children what these values mean and how to live by them. We invite the community to join us in this effort to create a school whose pupils we can all be proud of. This means that both staff and parents will need to model these values for our children. Golden certificates will be replaced by value certificates and children can collect all six values throughout the year.

This term the value is:

RESPECT



Pupil Collection

Following NSPCC guidelines, we kindly ask that Blakesley children are not collected by siblings who are 13 years old or younger. Please ensure that a parent, carer, or a responsible person aged 14 or older picks them up. If this causes any issues, just get in touch with the school office, and we'll be happy to help. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe!

Medicine

There may be times when your child needs to take medicine at school. All medication must be prescribed, except for antihistamines (allergy medication). The school will only administer medicine that needs to be taken four times a day or has a specific time indicated on the label. Parents must complete and sign medicine forms, which are available in the main office.



Who's who in the School

The School Office

For general information and day-to-day queries, the School Office is the best place to go. Mrs. Thearia (Office Manager), Mrs Bibi, and Mrs. Kauser are available to help. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4 pm. You can also email enquiry@blakesley.bham.sch.uk or call 0121 783 2148.



Class Teachers

Your child's class teacher is the main contact for their learning and progress. Please keep them informed of any concerns or achievements. They are available for brief conversations at the start and end of the school day. For longer discussions, please book an appointment through the school office.

Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistants support both children and teachers. They help with lessons, provide extra support, and ensure all children succeed academically and socially.



Learning Mentors

Tina, Nikki, and Jess support children and families with various needs. They run social skills sessions, help with emotions and grief, and offer a listening ear. They also manage attendance and can be contacted at attendance@blakesley.bham.sch.uk

SENCOs

For Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), contact Mrs. Ramsey (mainstream) and Ms. Barton (Resource Base) at send@blakesley.bham.sch.uk. They will respond as soon as possible.

Phase Leaders

Phase leaders oversee teaching, learning, progress, and behaviour across year groups. Mrs. Dooley leads EYFS, Mrs. Pearce covers Years 1 & 2, Miss Green manages Years 3 & 4, Mrs. Lahoria is responsible for Year 5, and Miss Harrison oversees Year 6.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

The DSL team supports vulnerable children and families. The lead DSL is Mrs. Smith, and the Deputy Lead DSL is Mrs. Ramsey. The team includes Mrs. Hack, Mrs. Reid-Leonard, Mrs. Key, Tina, and Nikki. Please contact any DSL team member if you have concerns about a child's safety.



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Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

For additional support, the SLT is available:

Miss Shaheen: Curriculum leader for PSHE, RE, HRE, art, design and technology, modern foreign language, computing.

Mr. Walmsley (AHT): Curriculum lead for English, maths, science, history, and geography.

Mrs. Reid-Leonard: Deputy headteacher for Reception, Years 1 & 2, and assessment and attendance lead.

Mrs. Hack: Deputy headteacher for Years 3 & 4, ethos and culture lead, and parental engagement and Oracy.

Mrs. Smith: Deputy headteacher for Years 5 & 6, lead designated safeguarding officer, and behaviour lead.

Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- White or blue shirt or polo shirt
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- White, grey, black, or navy hijab
- Black tights (not see-through)
- Plain black shoes or trainers with no coloured logos

For PE, the kit includes:

- White t-shirt
- Black or navy joggers or shorts
- Navy jumper
- Plain trainers

Please note that hooded tops are not part of the school uniform and are considered a health and safety hazard during PE. We have made efforts to keep the cost of the uniform low and do not encourage clothing with logos. Second-hand uniforms are available at the school.