

July 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students across the school who have worked hard all year, taken advantage of the many extra-curricular opportunities offered and participated in a number of charitable and community events. I am sure you will join me in thanking our teaching and support staff for the commitment and dedication they have shown in supporting our students to feel happy and safe at school and to achieve their best.

#### **Farewells:**

We have several staff who will be leaving Bournville School at the end of term and we would like to wish them good luck in their future careers and thank them for their hard work, support and contribution to the school.

- Ms Valdivia – (Teacher of MFL)
- Mrs Stanway – (Teacher of MFL)
- Ms Smyth (EYFS Lead)
- Mr Wade – (Subject Leader Business Studies)
- Mr Thomas – (Cover Supervisor)
- Mrs Lighting (EYFS Teaching Assistant)

Please be advised of the following arrangements:

#### **Last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019:**

We are having a non-uniform day for primary and secondary students – we are asking for a food donation to the Trussell Trust B30 food bank. Students are requested to bring in non-perishable items to support local families in need during the school holiday period.

Primary students will be leaving school at 12.00noon.

Secondary students will take part in lessons as normal during periods 1 and 2, after which time they will have break, assemblies and form time, before being dismissed between 12.25pm and 12.35pm.

### **Attendance:**

Please be reminded that the attendance target for all children is 97% which equates to no more than 5 days of absence throughout the whole academic year. Please avoid making medical or dental appointments during school time and be aware that we do not authorise holidays during term time, unless in exceptional circumstances.

Parents should be aware that we work closely with the local authority to prosecute parents who do not ensure their child has good attendance.

### **High Expectations of Uniform:**

As a school with traditional values, we expect all students to dress smartly. The expectation is that all students are in full school uniform every day. The full uniform policy is on our website, but in particular we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Students must wear plain black school shoes – if there is any doubt about whether it is a trainer or a school shoe, please assume it is not acceptable and do not be persuaded to buy anything other than school shoes for your child.
- Haircuts must not be extreme and on the natural spectrum (this is at the headteacher's discretion)
- Hooded sweatshirts, jackets or any other 'informal' tops are not allowed and will be confiscated;
- Students may wear one plain stud earring in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe and a wristwatch (no smart watches). No other jewellery may be worn. This includes body and facial piercings (including tongue piercings, flesh tunnels and spikes). Jewellery should be removed for PE.

***Students arriving to school dressed inappropriately will be challenged on arrival and expected to either; return home to change, borrow the item of uniform from school or, where this is not possible, be placed in re-focus until their uniform, hairstyle or piercing has been rectified.***

### **Excellent Learning Habits:**

We expect all students to be on time every day and for all lessons. We expect students to be fully prepared for, and focused on learning every day. This means:

- Energy drinks, drinks with added sugar, sweets and large bags of crisps or of chocolate are considered 'banned items' and will be confiscated
- Students should arrive at school by 8.35am. If students are late to school or unreasonably late to a lesson more than once in a week, they will serve a same-day, after school detention on a Friday.
- A suitable bag, pen, pencil, ruler and planner are expected. A rubber and colours would also be useful. **Equipment and diaries will be checked every day in form time.**
- We are a 'no touching school'. Pushing, shoving and boisterous behaviour will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned with a same-day after school detention. We want to ensure our students are safe and there is a calm, purposeful atmosphere so our students are ready for learning;
- Mobile phones **MUST NOT** be 'not seen or heard' on site. **This is the same for headphones.** Students may not use their phones until they have left the academy premises. Students should leave the school site by 3.15 unless they are involved in an after school activity as gates will lock at this time to ensure student safety. Any students left in school will be escorted out by staff;
- Failure to attend any detention set will result in a serious sanction. We expect every child to attend to meet with staff, reflect and restore positive working relationships.

We thank you for your ongoing support to ensure continued excellent behaviour, attendance and uniform, and we look forward to seeing your child again in September. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

### **Car Parking**

Thank you to those parents and carers who are now parking away from the school entrance when dropping off and picking up children. Unfortunately, there are a minority of parents and carers who continue to try to gain access to the school site, despite the safeguarding implications of so doing and who park their vehicles in a manner that obstructs pavements and driveways. Understandably, local residents remain very upset and concerned about this lack of consideration and we are working closely with police, local councillors and Birmingham City Council to take

measures to improve road safety for all users. Please support us to keeping Bournville School and the surrounding area safe by parking legally and considerately.

### **First day of term for students, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019:**

Students need to arrive for the times below, in full uniform. Students will be in normal lessons from period 3 onwards and will need to bring all of their equipment including their PE kit. New Year 7 students should arrive at 9am and go straight to the PPC. Students in other year groups should go to their form rooms for registration at the times listed below. We would ask that students do not arrive on site more than five minutes prior to this.

EYFS	Will have staggered start through-out the week.
Primary	8.50am (doors open at 8.35am)
Year 7	9.00am
Year 8	10.30am
Year 9	10.30am
Year 10	10.30am
Year 11	10.10am

### **Results Days:**

I do hope that those of you in Year 11 are enjoying a well-earned rest following the recent examinations. I know that most of you have already secured apprenticeships and college places and wish you every success in the next phase of your education.

Students will be able to collect examination results from Elgar Hall, on:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August @ 9.00am for year 11 students

If students are not able to attend in person to collect their results then they can either:

- provide a stamped self-addressed A4 envelope to allow us to post results home
- write a letter advising us of who is going to collect their results on their behalf – this needs to be a named person, who will need to bring identification.

Please be aware that we are not allowed to release results to anyone other than the student without their signed authorisation. Should you have any queries regarding the collection of your exam results please contact our exams administrator [sunner.k@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:sunner.k@bournville.bham.sch.uk)

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Secondary and Primary Open Evening - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Our Open Evening for prospective students is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Primary Students will leave school at 12.00pm and secondary students will leave at 12:25pm on this day and only those taking part in activities and acting as guides are required to return on the evening.

#### **Secondary and Primary Open Mornings – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Our Open Mornings for prospective Year 7 students in secondary and reception students in primary (stay and play) are Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 from 9.15am – 10.30am.

#### **Secondary Parents' Forum – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Please be advised that our next secondary parents' forum is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. These forums will ensure you, as parent, are advised of the changes at school as well as providing the opportunity for you to provide us with valuable feedback. I do hope you will be able to join us.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for your commitment to Bournville. On behalf of the staff at Bournville we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Cottle  
Head of Academy