



Year 3 at Bushfield



Some of the questions you might be asking

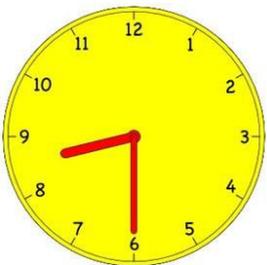
What time do I need to be at school?

The school gates are opened by a teacher at **8.30am** in the morning.

Everyone walks into the school and directly to their classroom.

Registration is at **8:30am - 8:45am**

If you arrive later than this, you need to go to the school office to be signed in.



Lunch & Break Time

At the end of break and lunch times the teacher on duty will blow a whistle—3 times!

1. Stand as still and quiet as you can.
2. Walk to your teacher and line up. Stand silently in the line.
3. Walk into class



What should I wear?

We wear a uniform at Bushfield so that we all feel part of a team. That means our clothes are all similar. It is very important that everything has your name in so that it can be returned quickly if you lose something.

Your parents have had a uniform list.



Can I bring a pencil case?

Yes as long as it has your name on it, but you don't need one as we provide everything.

In Year 3 you will be writing in pen. We use black Berol handwriting pens.

We will give you a pen but some people like to have their own spares too.

You might like to have a spare pencil and ruler in your pencil case or some coloured pencils.

Rubbers and pencil sharpeners are also handy to have.



What should I bring with me?

Be prepared!

You will need to be wearing your uniform and depending on the weather, you may need a

If you are having a packed lunch you will need a named lunchbox.

Do I need a book bag?

Yes. During your first week we will be giving you a reading book which you will be able to take home.

You can buy your bookbag from Maisies or Talk2me we do not stock them in school.

Do I need a break time snack?

You are allowed to bring fruit with you to school to eat at break time.

We also have a Friday fruit stop where you can buy fruit pots from about 40p

Your day:

Gates open	8.30
School begins	8:45
Lessons	
Mid morning break	10:15
Lessons	
Lunchtime	12.00
Lessons	
Home time	3.10

What will we do on the first day?

We are really excited about you coming to Bushfield and can't wait to start to get to know you.

On your first day we will spend a lot of time showing you where things are and making sure you know the Bushfield rules.

To begin your day, we will be showing you where to put your things, where your locker and tray are and will tell you about what we want you to do each morning as you come into school. Then we will play some games to get to know you better.

After that, we will take you on a walk around Bushfield so that you have an idea of where things are. We know you won't remember everything—so don't worry.

We will also do some writing and some art work.

At the end of the day, we will have a story time and will then get ready to go home.

We will carefully explain what happens at the end of the day.



Circle games will help us get to know each other.



What happens at home time?



On the first few days we will get ready slowly and with plenty of time so that you learn the going home routine really well and know exactly what to do.

This is how we do it

1. Stack our chairs carefully.
2. Collect our coats.
3. Collect our book bags.
4. Make sure we have our jumpers and fleeces.

5. Collect our lunch boxes from the class box/trolley.

Then, at 3.10pm, your teacher will open the classroom door. You are not allowed to go home until your teacher says your name.

Even if you see the person who is collecting you, you must not go until your teacher says.

Your parents will understand that we need to make sure you are all safe and are collected by the correct person, so they will not mind waiting for you to hear your name.

Can my older brother or sister collect me?



We need to know who is collecting you.

For the first few weeks we ask that a grown up collects you. This way we get to know your parents and can tell them how well you are doing.

If ever you are going to be collected by someone other than your parents/carers then we ask that we have a note to let us know.

We will not let you go home with people we don't know unless we have a letter—we would always phone to check with your parent or carer.

After the first half term holiday you can be collected by an older brother or sister as long as a letter is sent to school telling us that this is fine and that your parent/carers accept responsibility for your safety.

Will we do P.E and Games in the first week?



Yes. So bring your kit on the first day.

Each class has their own day for P.E. and your teacher will tell you when that is.

We also have a games afternoon. On this afternoon all of Year 3 do games together.

The P.E team teaches you in P.E and games.

At Bushfield we ask you to bring your P.E. kit with you **every Monday** and then take it home **every Friday** so that it can be washed.

We do sell P.E. bags in the school office but any sensible bag or rucksack will be fine.

You will need to wear a light blue, round necked T-shirt, plain navy or black shorts and trainers. In colder weather you can wear plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms and a fleece, ideally without a hood.

It is very important you change your clothes and shoes as they may get muddy or wet.

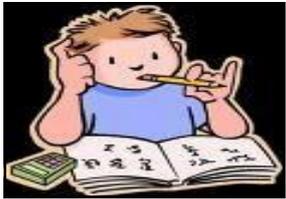


If you have long hair you will need to have it tied back so that you can see clearly.

All jewellery should be removed for P.E. and games. This includes earrings. If you cannot take them out your parents must send some surgical tape for you to put on over the earrings. Earrings can be a danger and we want you to be safe.



Bring your P.E. kit every Monday!



Will the work be really hard?

We know how tricky it is to start in a new school. We know there will be lots for you to learn about Bushfield and we know that this will make you very tired!

We want you to settle into Bushfield as quickly as possible and so for the first few weeks we spend time teaching you all about Bushfield, the rules, where things are and how we

expect you to do things like your work and your behaviour.

To begin with the work will be very much like the work you do in Year 2 and then gradually it will get harder (but you will be getting more clever so it won't matter!)

We will also spend time getting the class working as a team and getting to know each other much better.

In the first few weeks we will be finding out what you are really good at and what you might need help

We will be giving you targets to help you get even better at your work.



Will I have homework?

Yes—but not in the first week.

In Year 3 we ask that you read each day to a grown up.

We will also be giving you spelling words to learn each week—ready for a weekly spelling quiz.

When we think you are ready we will also be asking you to learn your times tables.

We will be giving you a **Personal**

Organiser for your parents to write down when they have heard you read.

Your organizer needs to come to school every day. We look at it each week to check you are reading to your parents.

Your spellings are stuck into your organiser every week for you to learn and your teacher will test you each week in the back of your book.

Homework will develop gradually—we do not want to make you too tired.



KEEP
CALM
AND
DO THAT
HOMEWORK



Will I get rewards for good behaviour and work?

Yes! We love to tell you when things are going well!

Every child at Bushfield receives a passport. When you have done an excellent piece of work you may receive a merit.

You will get a merit sticker to stick onto your work and one to stick on your jumper.

When you have collected 5 merits you then get a shield sticker.

If you get enough shields you will receive a certificate.

First there is a bronze certificate, then silver, gold, platinum and finally diamond!

You will get your certificate in assembly and everyone will clap you.

We also have a student of the week who receives a certificate in assembly.



Yes!

At Bushfield we love music! We have music lessons in our classes but we can also do extra too if you would like to.



Can I learn to play a musical instrument?

We have teachers who will teach you how to play other instruments. You can learn to play the guitar and there may be the chance for you to have piano lessons.

Your parents will be asked to pay for these sessions.

If you are interested please talk to your teacher and we can give you all of the information you need.

Don't forget that you can also enjoy music by joining the Bushfield choir!



Do children help make decisions at Bushfield?

Yes!

At the beginning of the year every class votes for a class representative.

The school council helps to make decisions and makes sure that the grown-ups at school know And listen to your ideas.

Your ideas are very important to making Bushfield a great place to be.



This person joins the Bushfield school council.



Bushfield school council does a great job!

Can I have water while I work?



Yes.

We know that children think really well when they are comfortable. We also know that your brain needs water to help it work.

You can bring a named water bottle to school with you each day. This goes on the sink in your classroom.

You can drink while you are working.

You do not need to ask each time you are thirsty—just drink when you need to.

The only time we do not allow you to have a drink is when you are on the carpet during teaching times.

We would like you to take your bottle home with you every day to wash it out and fill it up for the next day.

Make sure you have your name on your bottle.



Don't worry if you drink it all! You are allowed to re-fill your bottle at school if you run out of water.

(You do this at the beginning of break time or lunchtime.)

You can also take your water bottle with you to Games lessons which is great because you will be running around and getting lots of exercise.

Always bring a named water bottle!

Do you have a breakfast club?

Yes.

Breakfast club starts at 7.30 am every morning.

You can have your breakfast at school and then do organised activities with members of staff until 8.30 am.

Breakfast Club costs £1.50 each day.

Parents are welcome to stay with you to begin with.

At 8.30 am you will go straight to your classroom.



A healthy breakfast is the best start to your day. Children who eat breakfast are ready to learn!

Medicines!



It is very important that you let us know about any medical condition or disability. We can only accept medicines in the original labelled containers. We also need to know if you have any allergies.

If you need us to give you **prescribed medicines** we need full written instructions. These should include your name, name of the medicine and the amount needed.

We only give medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor if a parent signs a form giving permission. Ideally, we would like you to have your medicines at home before school and then when you go home after school.

We will not allow any child to have medicines of any sort in their possession in school, except asthma inhalers.

Your class teacher needs to be told each time you need your inhaler.



Are there extra curricular clubs at Bushfield?



The answer to this question is a very big YES! You are very lucky to be going to Bushfield if you enjoy clubs. We have so many to choose from.

Last year we offered a total of about 75 clubs across the year! So there is bound to be some you will want to join!

During your first week we will be giving you a timetable of the clubs on offer for the first half term, some are at lunchtime, others are after school.

You should also know that some of the clubs have to be paid for

(like karate) and you will need your parents agreement to attend.

You will then need to choose the ones you would like to join, tick them, get a parent to sign your form and then bring it in to school.

Your teacher will give your form to Mr. Hill who will then sort out the clubs.

You will then get your letter returned—it will tell you which clubs you are in and it may be

that you are on a waiting list for others if they are very popular.



We have many clubs on offer—there is sure to be one you'll enjoy!

For the first week an adult will collect the Year3 children going to clubs from our shared area and take them to the correct place. Once you know where you are going—you will be allowed to go there independently.

You will need to be collected by a grown up and each club leader will let your

parents/carers know where they are to collect you and at what time.

We really want you to have a great year with us. If there are any concerns or problems you can tell any of us—or your parents/carers can pop in to see your teacher or the Year 3 Leader, for a chat.

Mr Springett-McHugh, our Headteacher, is also very happy to talk about any worries you may have.

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