

NEWSLETTER



Reception Class Admissions 2020:

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, your child is due to start Reception in September 2020. You can complete your application online at <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/primary-school-places>

The closing date for completing your application is by 15 January 2020. Whilst next September seems a long time away, it is important you complete your applications by the closing date as places fill up very quickly!

Secondary School Admissions 2020:

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to submit an application for secondary school by 31st October 2019 by visiting: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Asalaamalaykum and welcome back after the long summer break. We hope you had a lovely time with your families (despite the variable weather!) and are looking forward to the new school year.

The children have all settled in well to their new classes with their new teachers and appear to have had an enjoyable first week back.

I would like to express a special welcome to our lovely new Reception children and their families. InshaAllah the children will continue to settle in as they begin their second week in school.

Welcome back also to all our staff, including our new teachers: Miss R Hogan, Mrs S Amar, Mrs Y Lulat and Mr I Abid. I hope you will join us in welcoming them to the Olive Tree family!

I wish you all a successful year ahead!
Mr. H. Asghar
Principal



Daily collection / drop off times

Last term we saw a massive improvement in terms of the punctual daily dropping-off / collection of children. We hope you will continue to support us with this by ensuring children are dropped off and collected on time every day. **School starts at 8:40am and finishes at 3:20pm every day – except for Friday when we finish at 12:20pm.**

Attendance:

Unfortunately, there was an unacceptable number of children absent at the start of this week despite the fact that the school calendar was communicated in May and has been readily available on the school website.

As a school, we aim for our overall attendance to be above 96% (though it was pleasing to see a number of children with attendance above 98% last year!). Please remember, parents have a statutory duty to ensure children attend school every day.

We hope you will support us with ensuring your children have the best opportunity to learn and develop by sending them to school every day.



School success starts
with attendance

Senior Leadership Team 'Meet and Greet':

Before the holidays, we had scheduled some sessions for parents to meet with the Senior Leadership Team however due to a death in my family, we were forced to postpone the meeting. Thank you for your patience and messages of condolence – both of which were greatly appreciated. Moving forward, we would like to offer parents an opportunity to meet with the Senior Leadership Team on Thursday 19th of September 2019 at ONE of the following times:

- 9.30am-10.30am
- 2.15pm-3.15pm
- 5.30pm-6.30pm

During the session, we will share the school vision, our strategy for the forthcoming year and briefly touch on Sex and Relationship Education. Please note, you do not need to book a slot. Simply turn up on the day and we will accommodate you in our school hall.

Meet the Teacher:

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher at the following times:

- Reception: Mon 16th September 9am-9.30am
- Year 1: Tue 17th September 9am-9.30am
- Year 2: Wed 18th September 9am-9.30am
- Year 3: Thu 19th September 9am-9.30am
- Year 4: Mon 23rd September 9am-9.30am
- Year 5: Tue 24th September 9am-9.30am
- Year 6: Wed 25th September 9am-9.30am

Please note: You do not need to book a slot. Simply turn up on the day and we will accommodate you in your child's classroom.

Club sign up:

Clubs will commence week beginning 23rd September for 8 weeks. If you would like your child to attend a school club, please sign up on the following days at 8.40am and 3.20pm:

- Reception/KS1: Monday 16th September
- KS2: Tuesday 17th September

Please note: the club sign-up will take place in the school hall and will be filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

School Uniform:

The children all look very smart in their new school uniforms. Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name / class. Also, as the weather is often undependable, please ensure you send children to school wearing a coat so that they can enjoy the outdoors comfortably.