



School Updates 2020-2021

As we progress toward the last few weeks of summer term, I wanted to write to thank you all for your support and encouragement during this last exceedingly busy and extraordinary year. As you might imagine, we are busy making arrangements for September with the aim to reopen to all pupils.

Staffing

Many of you will be very aware about the cost pressures that all schools face and last year the governing body and I had to make some tough decisions to ensure we had a secure financial future. I would just to say a huge thank you for supporting the school during this time. As a result of the changes and the investment from Hope Learning Trust we are now in a strong position. With pupil numbers continuing to grow, I am delighted to announce that in September we will be returning to a 4 class structure.

Firstly, we welcome back Miss Eddom who will take up her position as the EYFS class teacher. She will be returning to us on a part-time basis and job sharing with Mrs Gornall, who will be working Fridays and is an experienced early years teacher. I can say with absolute certainty that this will be an early years 'dream team'.

However, this does mean that Mrs Letten will be leaving us at the end of the term after covering maternity leave. She has done a fantastic job and we thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the children at Skelton. We wish her the best of luck in the future and know that her next school are very lucky to have her.

After many years, Miss Frankish will also be leaving us at the end of term to take on an exciting new promotion at a large primary school in Leeds. After completing her National Qualification in Middle Leadership this year, she will be taking up the role as Head of Year 4 with responsibility for speech, language and communication. We are delighted for her and know she will do a brilliant job. She is a well-loved member of our team and she will definitely be missed.

I am however delighted to share that we have two new teachers joining us. Firstly, we welcome Miss Bayliss, who we welcome from Burton Green Primary School. She is extremely excited about meeting the children and getting to know the families. Secondly, Miss Meadows will be joining us as a newly qualified teacher. We look forward to them becoming part of the Skelton team.

Meet the Team

We are pleased to introduce our new Skelton School team! We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in September and continue on our exciting journey of improvement. It will be our pleasure to work in partnership with you to ensure our children thrive and flourish.



Miss Smithson
Head of School



Mrs Atherton
Executive Head teacher



Miss Eddom
Ducklings and Robins
Teacher
(EYFS)



Mrs Gornall
Ducklings and Robins
Teacher
(EYFS)



Miss Meadows
Woodpeckers Teacher
(Year 1/2)



Miss Bayliss
Owls Teacher
(Year 3/4)



Mrs Bromley
Kingfisher Teacher
(Year 5/6)



Mrs Mills
SENDCo



Mrs Wilson
HLTA



Miss Marshall
Teaching Assistant
Breakfast Club



Miss Poulter
Teaching Assistant



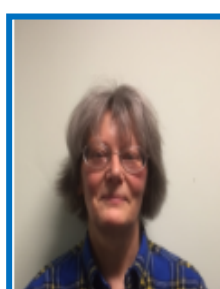
Miss Chaplin
School Administrator



Mrs Fenwick
School Cook



Mrs Birkley
Mid-day
Supervisor



Mrs Poulter
Mid-day
Supervisor



Mr Hanson
Caretaker

After school club

Wraparound Care

Government guidance now allows us to reopen our wrap-around provision for September. As previously shared with you, some changes to improve viability and hopefully ensure the clubs continued operation were made at Easter. We will continue to offer term time wrap-around care for pupils in reception to year 6.

Breakfast club

Doors open at 7.45am and although children can arrive any time before school starts, if you would like your child to enjoy a healthy breakfast, they need to be at the club by 8.15am.

Food available: a range of cereal, toast and fruit.

Cost: £5 a morning

After school club

This begins at the end of the day and a snack is offered at 4.10pm. The club finishes at 5.30pm.

Food available: beans on toast, toasties, noodles, soup or similar

Cost: £10 per session

Booking

As a small club, we have space for 8 children per session. From September, we are going to ask parents to book in advance/at the beginning of the term so that your place is reserved and we can ensure adequate staff/child ratio. I realise many of you book on an ad-hoc basis - this will be available providing that there are spaces in the club. If all places are full we will sadly be unable to accommodate your child on that particular date.

Payment for bookings is via ParentPay and childcare vouchers can be used for part or full payment.

We are very grateful to all parents who collect their child promptly at the end of the session and cancel with adequate notice, however it is necessary for us to introduce a late collection and cancellation policy to ensure the provision runs as effectively as possible. This will be shared with you in September.

Uniform

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore or blue dress.
- Plain or embroidered with logo, white or pale blue polo shirt or white button shirt.
- Navy jumper or cardigan with or without logo
- White/grey/navy socks or tights.

NB: tracksuits/jeans/leggings will not be considered to be part of school uniform.

Footwear

- Low heeled dark coloured shoes.

NB: Open-toed or backless sandals should not be worn, even in the summer, for health and safety reasons. 'Ugg' style boots are also not considered school uniform.

PE and Games Kit

- Trainers for outdoor PE.
- Plimsolls for indoor PE.
- A plain white polo shirt or T-shirt should be worn with plain dark shorts in summer.
- In winter plain tracksuits may be worn.

Fashion items

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity.

We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion, fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, jewellery (other than stud earrings) should not be worn.

Sunhats can be worn outside during sunny weather.

Long hair should be tied back neatly and hair must be neat, tidy and 'natural'.

School uniform is available from 'My Clothing', which you can find online at:

<https://myclothing.com/ueslink/7873.school?t=1585817038247>

For every embroidered purchase made by a parent or carer, our school will receive a 5% donation to school.

Changing the Length of the School Day

The governing body recognise the importance of a well-structured school day and a regular routine for all children in school. We have been reviewing the structure of the school day and wish to shorten the school day to bring it in line with other Trust Primaries. This will enable greater collaboration and shared training opportunities to occur between Burton Green and Skelton therefore having a positive impact on children's learning in the classroom.

The new day:

8.45am - 3.10pm - EYFS

8.45am - 3.15pm - KS1 and KS2

What does the Guidance say?

The law regulating the school day and school year applies only to schools maintained by a local authority and special schools not maintained by a local authority. This law does not apply to academies and Free Schools.

Every school day must have two sessions divided by a break in the middle of the day. The length of each session, break and the school day is determined by the school's governing body.

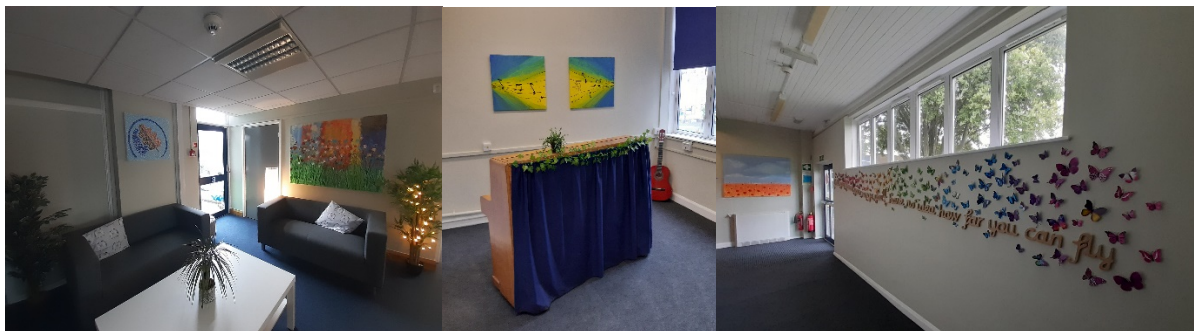
The structure of the school day and school week should not be the cause of inconvenience to parents and it is unacceptable for schools to shorten their school day or school week unless it is a direct action to support and enhance their pupils' education.

Schools should organise the school day and school week in the best interest of their pupil cohort, to provide them with a full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude and ability.

Other exciting news!

During school closures, we have used the opportunity to make some improvements to our school environment. We can't wait to give you a tour!

Refurbished classroom and corridors.



New library!



New EYFS outdoor area planned over summer!

