

Parental Bulletin

We are delighted to share with our parents and families our first end of term Parent Bulletin. This bulletin will keep you up to date with key messages, information and events that are taking place. The Parent Bulletin is in addition to the Benfield Bulletin, which we launched earlier this academic year. It is where we celebrate the fantastic achievements of our pupils across all year groups. If your child takes part in any activities, or receives any awards in clubs or events outside of school and you would like to let us know then please email Miss Suljic m.suljic@neatat.org.uk with details and she will happily share this information in future additions.

We are very much aware that as we continue to move Benfield School forward, we must continue to work with parents, carers and families to ensure we communicate key information effectively. Moving into next academic year we hope that this Parent Bulletin helps to do this.

A reminder that school will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Benfield School I would like to thank parents and carers for their support this year. Our pupils have represented Benfield with pride in so many activities and events this year. We are **growing leaders** and our pupils are **inspiring the extraordinary** everyday. It is a pleasure to watch the progress they have made this year. Please have a safe and happy summer.

We are Benfield.

Mr Martin
July 2023

New Year 7

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to Benfield. Pupils will enter via the gate next to Benfield Football Club (the gate they used on Transition week). All pupils are welcome to attend breakfast club from 7:45am, if pupils wish to attend breakfast club they should enter via Cherrywood gate on Benfield Road. Please see the uniform guidance attached to this document for support when purchasing uniform items. Essential items of equipment are black pens, pencils and rulers. School will finish at 3:00pm for all pupils.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school, and to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success. We need to work together to improve attendance at Benfield. To support our drive to improve attendance, from September NEAT will launch a new attendance policy. All schools in NEAT will follow the same policy. A School attendance leaflet will be shared with all families as a reference guide as to how you can support your child with attendance. A full copy of our attendance policy is available on the school website.

Parent Forum

We have worked hard to develop our relationships with our community. As a result of this we will be launching a parent forum in the new term. The forum would meet regularly to discuss key areas of school improvement. If you would like to be part of the forum please contact Mrs Murray at s.murray1@neatat.org.uk

Uniform

Please find a link to our uniform provider emblematic [here](#). Uniforms can be purchased online or at their warehouse in Longbenton.

Summer Activities for Pupils

As the 6 weeks holiday approaches please find information below on activities and events happening in our local area. Please click on the links for further information.

[What's on During the Summer](#)

[Newcastle's Best Holiday Ever](#)

[Benfield Sports Centre](#)

Staying Safe Over the Summer

I am sure many of you are looking forward to the summer break and to support you with your plans over the holidays please find some safety tips and support below;

[Staying Safe Online](#)

[Parent Support](#)

[Beach Safety](#)

[Water Safety](#)

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Key dates

Thursday 17th August - Year 13 Results Day 8.00am - 10.30am

Thursday 24th August - Year 11 Results Day 10.00am - 11.30am

Monday 4th September - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th September - School opens to all pupils for Autumn Term

Thursday 7th September - Class Charts Parent Drop in Clinic - 4.00pm

Wednesday 27th September - Year 6 Open Evening 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 19th October - Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor Event 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 26th October - Awards evening 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 27th October - Last day of Half Term 1

Year Team Information

Year 7 - Head of Year - f.cunningham@neatat.org.uk

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Senior Assistant Head of Year - m.matthewson@neatat.org.uk

Other Key Staff

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Behaviour and Attendance Lead - r.mearns@neatat.org.uk

Benfield School

Growing Leaders, Inspiring the Extraordinary

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Uniform Guidance 2023/2024

Our School uniform helps to promote the ethos of Benfield and provides a sense of belonging and identity. This guidance can be used by all members of our community at Benfield and will enable us to work together to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by our students.



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From September 2023 all students must wear:

- Navy Benfield School blazer (this must be purchased from Emblematic).
- Clip on Benfield School Tie (this must be purchased from Emblematic or Benfield School).
- Plain white shirt with collar-long sleeved or short sleeved (can be purchased from your choice of supplier).
- Black tailored trousers or a black knee length pleated skirt

Black School Trousers

- Trousers should be plain black and tailored
- Leggings/jeggings/jeans/tracksuit bottoms or jersey material are not acceptable
- If belts are worn they must be black without design or embellishment
- Trousers should be worn with black ankle socks

Black knee length skirt

- Black pleated and tailored skirts can be purchased from Emblematic
- Skirts should be knee length
- Skirts should be worn with black tights
- Tight fitting skirts which are made of stretchy material are not allowed



Suitable Footwear

- Completely black, flat foot wear. This includes shoes, trainers and boots.
- Trainers must be completely black: black uppers, black laces, black soles and black eyelets. This means **we do not allow** any trainers with clear, white or coloured soles, logos, laces or eyelets.
- Boots must be flat and ankle length only.
- Shoes and boots must be made of a polishable material.
- Below are some images of footwear that are acceptable and form part of the uniform policy.
- The school reserves the right to determine what is acceptable with regards to footwear. If you are in any doubt at all, please contact school directly before purchasing your child's footwear for school.

The examples of footwear shown below are suitable as part of our school uniform:



The examples of footwear shown below are unsuitable and should not be worn to school:



Benfield School PE Kit

- Benfield School PE polo shirt
- Benfield School PE Sweatshirt (optional)
- Benfield School PE shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms or navy leggings (must not be "see through" but small logos are permissible)
- Black/white sports socks/football socks
- Appropriate footwear.



The aim of the PE Department Kit Policy is to ensure the consistent and safe participation in physical education for all students in all lessons. Appropriate clothing is essential for the safe participation in physical education and Benfield School PE kit is students' uniform for their physical education lessons. All items can be purchased from Emblematic.

If a student arrives to lessons without the correct PE kit the department has a stock of spare kit that the student will be expected to wear for that lesson. If a student has an injury/illness or any other reason why they are not able to take part physically in lessons they must provide a note from their parent/guardian to explain the reasons behind their non-participation.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STILL BRING IN APPROPRIATE PE KIT AND FOOTWEAR EVEN IF THEY HAVE A NOTE EXCUSING THEM FROM TAKING PART PHYSICALLY IN LESSONS.

Students will be expected to take part in lessons in some form (referee, coach, umpire, helping with equipment etc.) and as such should be suitably dressed in PE kit to do so. Being in full kit will enable students to fully partake in the activity when they return to full health, it prevents their school uniform from getting damaged in inclement weather and in cases of illness it prevents conditions from worsening as students still have their dry uniform to get changed into if it is raining during the lesson. Where an injury or illness prevents students from being able to get changed easily, PE staff will use their discretion to allow that student to stay in their school uniform and contribute to lessons in an appropriate manner.

PE Footwear

Footwear needs to be fit for purpose and appropriate for the lesson location and surface. Football/ rugby boots will be required for activities that are carried out on the playing field during the winter months (football, rugby, cross country etc.). The department has a small number of pairs of boots that can be loaned out and used during this time. Trainers and indoor footwear should be in good condition and suitable for the activity being undertaken. Plimsolls, canvas shoes or 'high top' trainers are not permitted. For gymnastics students will be expected to be barefoot when performing - exceptions to this are the wearing of ballet shoes/dance shoes which are suitable for gymnastics. In trampolining, non-slip socks should be worn at all times. Tights are not to be worn when trampolining.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The PE Department strongly advises that students should wear appropriate PPE where necessary. These include shin pads (football) and mouth/gum guards (rugby). These can be purchased from all good sports retailers. The school also has a small number of shin pads of various sizes which can be used by students on a temporary basis.

Jewellery & Personal Effects

Jewellery, watches (including Fitbit-type devices) and bracelets/wristbands are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons and must be removed for all lessons. Therefore, should students wish to get their ears pierced, this should be completed at the start of the summer holidays so earrings can be removed from September.

Long hair should be tied back at all times. Hair ties/bobbles should be provided by those students. Chewing gum is not permitted anywhere in the PE Department.

Inhalers

Should students require the use of an inhaler they must have it with them for every PE lesson and pass it to their teacher before taking part in physical activity.

Sun Protection

During periods of hot weather students are advised to come to lessons prepared to participate safely outside for their PE lessons. Students should be responsible for bringing with them to lessons:

- Sun lotion/cream
- Water that can be taken to lessons with them
- A plain hat/cap