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BREWOOD CE MIDDLE ACADEMY

*Let all that you do, be done in Love
1 Corinthians 16:14*

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Dear Families

Welcome to Brewood CE Middle Academy

I would like to officially welcome you all to Brewood CE Middle Academy. I trust that all of our pupils have enjoyed their Summer break and are ready for the new school year.

September 2026 heralds the start of something new and exciting. To that end, we are very much looking forward to getting 'back to basics' in September, re-establishing routines, reinforcing our Christian values, challenging academic excellence and offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities during the Autumn Term.

September sees the start of the new timetable for our school day and may be a little different to what your children may have experienced at their current schools:

- Registration 8:45 to 9:00am
- Period 1 9:00 to 10:00am
- Period 2 10:00 to 11:00am
- Break 11:00 to 11:15am
- Period 3 11:15 to 12:10pm
- Period 4 12:10 to 1:05pm
- Lunch 1:05 to 1:55pm
- Registration 1:55 to 2:05pm
- Period 5 2:05 to 3pm
- Form time / Worship 3:00 – 3:30pm

You will see that our registration starts at 8.45am with our first lesson starting at 9.00am which means that it is even more important that your child arrives at school on time, by 8.40am. The school gate will be locked at 8.45am and any children arriving after this time must enter school via the main office door. Please can we ask for your help in ensuring that all children are attending school every day and that they arrive on time. The new guidance issued by the Government now focusses on those pupils who are regularly late for school as well as those who are absent from their learning. Good attendance at school supports the school's key priorities, one of which is to ensure that your child is as successful as possible and can achieve their full potential.

Important Reminders for the new school year

As we look forward to the start of a new academic year, below are a couple of reminders to ensure that things run smoothly:

- As parents are already aware, our Home / Agreement states that while we hold exceptionally high expectations for all students, we also require full commitment from the families who choose Brewood CE Middle Academy for their child. By accepting a place at our school, you agree to adhere to our policies, ethos, and procedures and to support the school for your child's benefit. This collaboration ensures that all children can succeed.

- With this agreement in mind we have designed a simple reminder for all pupils to outline our expectations and ensure that pupils are clear about “The Brewood Way” of working. These expectations include:

- *Treat all others with respect*
- *Be 'ready to learn' with the Brewood 5 (writing pen, pencil, purple pen, ruler, glue stick)*
- *Wear the full and correct uniform*
- *Be punctual to school and lessons – looking smart always*
- *No eating or drinking in the classrooms or in the corridors*
- *No physical contact*

I am sure that you will agree that following these 6 simple expectations will ensure that all pupils enjoy their time at Brewood and make the best of the opportunities that are available to them.

- All parents/guardians of our **new** pupils will be issued with a Class Charts login in the next week to monitor their child’s behaviour, homework and attendance. Your login details may have already been given to your child. We strongly recommend that you download the Class Charts app to your smart phone or android device. Once downloaded, you will be prompted to create a new account and login, using the parent login details that you will be issued. Alternatively, please use this link <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> to access your account in a web browser. For step-by-step instructions on signing up and accessing your Class Charts parent account a parent user guide will be sent out in September.

- It is imperative that all parents/guardians of new pupils login to Class Charts when you receive your parent access code, and we kindly request that you have done this by Friday 11th September at the latest. We ask that you **all** regularly monitor Class Charts, to keep up to date on at least a weekly basis, with your child’s behaviour, homework and key information from staff.

- Parents/guardians can receive notifications on smartphones/android devices from Class Charts when the Class Charts app is downloaded. We encourage you to do this when you first access your account.
- Class Charts provides a detailed breakdown of when and where your child is achieving positive (green) points for their effort and behaviour, as well as highlighting any behaviour issues or concerns through negative (red) behaviour points.
- Class Charts also has a direct messaging facility, which we encourage parents/guardians to use when you need to communicate with your child’s form tutor. A parent’s guide to accessing and using Class Charts will be sent out next week. If you have any further queries, please contact your child’s form tutor in the first instance.

Key Documents

- The academy asks families to complete a parental request slip (this will be given out in the next week) to request that their child be allowed to bring their phone to school and the reason why this is required e.g. they arrive back at home before their parent, to alert parents if their bus does not arrive etc. Families who have previously completed a permission slip to allow their child to bring their phone into school and have received a confirmation text, do not need to apply again. However, if circumstances have changed and your child now needs to bring their phone, then please complete the permission slip. Once the parental request has been approved, confirmation will be sent to parents via an email, pupils can then bring their phone to school.

Please can you ensure that if your child brings a mobile phone into school this has been clearly labelled with their name. All mobile phones must be switched off and handed in at the beginning of the day. They will be collected by your child at the end of the day.

- Please can I also remind parents about drop offs and pickups outside of school and the potential dangers that this can cause to our pupils and families. School Road is very narrow so parking close to the gates of the school (even for a short while) can cause congestion for other road users increasing the risk to pupils trying to enter or exit the site.

I would ask you please to park away from the school site and walk in to meet your child, this arrangement is particularly important for our youngest pupils who will need to be collected by an adult outside of school until 'end of school' routines are established.

ParentPay

- Once you have received your ParentPay login you will then have the capacity to pay for any items that you child might need. This will not impact your child's option to have a school lunch for the first couple of days however until they feel confident you may want to give them a packed lunch. **Please remember that Brewood is a 'nut free' school and so lunch choices must reflect this. Please check your child's snacks / lunchbox as these should not contain nuts or any items that may contain nuts or nut products.** All pupils should now have received their House tie the cost of which will be added to your ParentPay account. We would ask you please to settle this at your earliest convenience.
- Pupil lunches this year will be £2.75 and can be paid for on ParentPay once parents have received their log on details.

Equipment

- Your child's form tutor will discuss equipment needs with them this week however below is some of the key equipment that they may want to have with them. Once pupils begin to write in pen it is important that they find a pen that they can write comfortably with so I hope that they have used their the summer holiday to practice with different types of pen; if not the there is still time to find a pen that they can write comfortably with.

Note Book

Blue ink pen

Pencils

Purple pen

15cm / 30cm ruler

Highlighters



Glue stick

Rubber

Colouring pencils

Zippered pencil case

Labelled Water bottle

Uniform

- I have always been proud of the uniform that our pupils wear as it creates a sense of belonging and an identity for the academy in the community. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means pupils don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes (especially their PE kit). When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important. There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which can put a great deal of financial pressure on parents.
- Thank you to all those parents that have consulted the school about the types of uniform that should be bought for their child ensuring that all children are coming to school in appropriate uniform each day, in line with our uniform policy. Supermarkets can be misleading with their interpretation of 'school uniform' expectations which in turn can put parents under undue pressure to buy the latest fashion items. An example of this would be a knee-length pleated skirt (required at Brewood) as opposed to a shorter tight skirt which often prevents girls from sitting down in a comfortable manner in class. In the current financial climate, it is unfair for parents to have to buy uniform twice hence this information.
- In line with the new government guidance, we have thought very carefully about which items carry the Brewood logo so that costs are kept to a minimum for parents and 'other items' e.g. shirt, trousers can be sourced from a range of different places. It is therefore important that all pupils have their blazer in school and wear this when it is appropriate e.g. to and from school, whilst pupils are in church, during worship times in school.

WINTER

Black blazer with school badge
Black trousers or black skirt (no leggings / skin-tight trousers, cords or jeans)
White School shirt / white school blouse which tucks in
House tie
School sweatshirt or cardigan (optional)
White / grey / black socks to below the Knee
Opaque black tights
Black shoes with low heels
NOT trainers, boots, sandals or canvas shoes

SUMMER

Black Blazer with school badge
Black trousers or black skirt
Dress in green/white stripes /check alternatively pupils may wear short-sleeved blouses with house tie
Black skirt / trousers
Black shoes with low heels (not open toes, Canvas shoes or slingbacks)
White ankle socks

PE

All pupils will need all of the following kit for September:
Black 'Be The Best You Can Be' t-shirt
Black shorts
Black knee length football socks
Black leggings (optional)
Black BMS fleece
Trainers for indoors or netball courts
Football boots – all pupils will cover invasion games on the field and will need boots with studs for appropriate grip
Shin pads
Hair tie for those with long hair
Swimming costume/trunks/shorts
Swim cap for those with long hair
ALL KIT NEEDS NAMING either with tags or permanent pen

Welcome to Brewood CE Middle Academy, we look forward to sharing with you the educational journey of your child.

Best wishes



Mr Smith
Trust Headteacher