



**BRETHERTON ENDOWED CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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*“Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together
within our Christian family”*

Dear Parents,

Bretherton Endowed Data Summer 2018

In September your children will return to school having grown and looking very smart in their new uniform. It still remains a costly experience kitting your child out for school. We therefore cannot emphasize enough the need to label all items of clothing so that when they are misplaced they can be swiftly returned to their rightful owner. We will endeavour to get all unlabelled kit reunited to its owner this week so if you have any uniform missing, please look out for the table at the front of school before the end of term. For next year, please label items in a method that will stand up to the washing process.

School Uniform consists of the following:-

Light Blue Polo Shirt

Navy Blue Cardigan/ Sweatshirt with embroidered school logo

Grey Skirt/ Trousers/ Shorts

(Girls often choose to wear Blue and White Dresses in the Summer Term with White Socks)

Grey Socks/Tights (no patterns or colours)

Black sensible shoes (No boots or trainers)

Bobbles/clips/headbands should be navy blue and kept to a minimum because these can be a distraction to learning. Please avoid large bows.

Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs (no diamonds, colours) and children should be able to remove them by themselves for PE. No other forms of jewellery should be worn. Watches/ fitness bands can be worn. Nails should be free from nail polish.

Hair products such as Gel must not be worn unless it is a non-uniform day.

PE Kit in a draw string bag, Consisting of:-

Navy Blue Cotton Shorts/ Joggers or Leggings in winter

Light Blue T-Shirt

Elasticated Black Pumps/Pair of trainers preferable kept in school for Bretherton Blast

A blue school satchel for Reception and a satchel or school logo navy rucksack for all other year groups. We have had a year transitioning to the new bags and would like to ask that your child uses the school issue bags from September 2018 onwards. If your child is taking part in an after school club they do not need another kit other than their PE Kit as storage is limited.

Your child will be provided with pencil, ruler etc for daily lessons. They can bring in a pencil case with coloured/ gel pens in to use when directed by the class teacher.

School lunch and snacks

This year, we will be working towards a healthy eating award to complement our sports awards and so we would like to encourage all children to bring in a healthy snack for breaktime. Toast will continue to be available for 20p paid in the usual way. No chocolates or Crisps please. As we have children with allergies in school, we would also ask that you avoid snacks containing peanuts or other nut content to keep everyone safe.

We will be holding some special healthy packed lunch days over the year, and minimal waste packed lunch initiatives. We'll let you know more in the Autumn term.

Water in school

Our Eco team will be looking at reducing the impact of plastic on the environment this year so in order to reduce this, we would like to encourage you to buy one of our refillable water bottles or bring in one from home rather than using the single use plastic water bottles. We want to encourage children to rehydrate using our water fountain, as we know how important this is, but would like to ask you to avoid bringing in juice or cordial in their water bottles please. Children will be encouraged to fill up their bottles at break and lunch time.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is over 97% which is a superb achievement. We appreciate your help in avoiding unnecessary absence and regular missing of school sessions. Thank you for your support in getting your children into school on time. We understand the occasional difficulty in arriving at school on time, and would ask you to let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with this. We would be happy to work with you to help reduce this.

Homework

Thank you for your help in embracing our new homework policy last year. We were continually impressed by the creativity and effort shown by children in their creative projects. We look forward to seeing their ideas in their new topics this year. If you can, please continue to read over the summer, practice your times tables and experience life and the great places you will adventure.

If you have any questions, advice or feedback on our future healthy eating policy, recycling focus, or attendance, please feel free to share them with me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Alison Moxham

