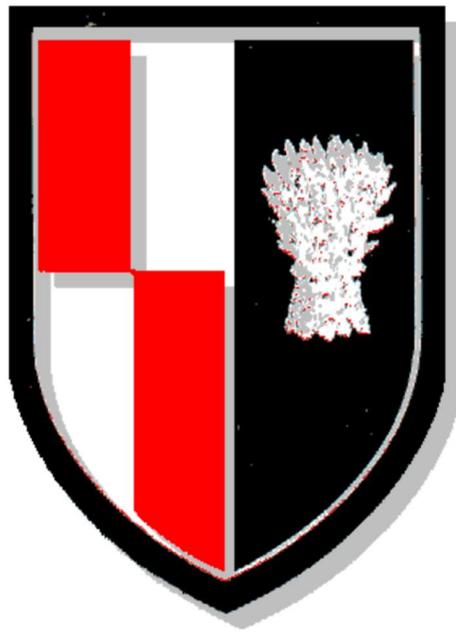


ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY



An introduction to the school for new pupils in Year 5.
Some of your questions answered.

Name: _____

Hello,

I am sure lots of you have got a few concerns or worries about starting school in September and that is only natural. I hope you liked the video we made and that it was helpful for you to get to see some of the different places at school.

This booklet is to give you a few more details about school and hopefully answer some of the questions you may have.

Firstly, thank you for the work you have been sending in, we have really enjoyed reading all about every single one of you.

At this precise moment in time, we are not 100% sure how your first day at Robert Bloomfield will be, so I am going to tell you how we are hoping it will be. We will make sure your parents are aware of what will happen when we hopefully return in September. One thing I do know is that your tutors will be there to help you every step of the way, along with all of the other RBA staff.

There are 8 classes in Year 5, with the following teachers:

5A: Mrs Crowley

5B: Miss Tipper

5C Mrs Booth

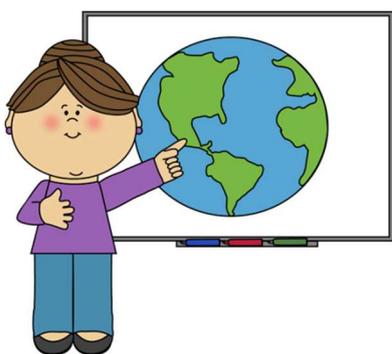
5D: Mrs Mills

5E: Miss Bailey

5F: Mrs Prendergast

5G: Mrs Curtis

5H: Mrs Cohen



You met all of them on the video and saw the Year 5 block where your form room will be. As soon as the class lists come out, you will know who your form tutor is and which room

you are in. As we have 8 classes in Year 5, we split the year group into two different halves for some lessons. You will either be in 5X or 5Y.

5A,B,C and D are 5X

5E,F,G and H are 5Y.

This could mean for some lessons you get to have lessons with pupils from other classes.

I am your Head of Year, and will be keeping an eye on your behaviour throughout the year. Mrs Mills is the Assistant Head of Year 5.

If you are worried about something (anything from where to put your dinner money to a friend that has upset you) you can speak to your form tutor. No problem is too serious that you cannot talk about it. Remember, we are all here to help!

Houses

We also have a House system, there are 4 houses -

- Turing 5A and 5E
- Abrahams 5B and 5F
- Miller 5C and 5G
- Norton 5D and 5H

You will find out lots more about the Houses from your form tutor and your Head of House when you come to school in September. You will have opportunities to represent your house and gain points in lots of different competitions and events throughout the year.

When you get to school, wait on the playground until the whistle is blown at 8.48 a.m. If you are here before 8.30, you must go to the café. The first morning you come to school there will be lots of staff to help you know where to go.

When the whistle is blown your tutor will be stood ready for you to line up on the Year 5 playground with your class name written on a piece of paper.

Line up very quietly until you are told to walk to your classroom. Your teacher will come and meet you for the first few days!

8.50 a.m. – 10.55 a.m. – Registration & lessons.

10.55 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. – Break on the top playground.

11.15 a.m. – 12.10 p.m. – Lessons.

12.10 p.m. – 1.10 p.m. – Lunch. Go onto the main playground and wait to be called in for lunch.

1.10 p.m. – 3.10 p.m. – Lessons.

3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. – Registration & Form Time.

School finishes at 3.30 p.m. If you catch a bus, line up on the playground until a teacher takes you to the correct bus.

For the first few days, your tutors and teachers will be taking you wherever you need to get to – lessons, the playground, the canteen, we will make sure you can find your way around.

Lots of your lessons will be in your form room or in the Year 5 block, but you will also get to go to other rooms, like, the Science Labs, the Studio theatre or the Cookery room for Food Technology.



Breaktimes/Lunch

Your playtimes and lunches will be on the top playground, it is the one right outside the Year 5 classrooms, which is super handy for all of you. It is important you go to the toilet during these times, as well as playing or going to a club – more on those later. The Year 5 toilets are in the Year 5 block.

Lunch break is 12.10pm – 1.10pm

School lunches: Lunches cost £2.40. You can either bring the money into school and top up your account, or your parents can top up your account from home!

You have lots of choices in the canteen, Mrs Mills showed you the different food stations in the video, there is something to suit everyone. There will be lots of staff to help you with your choices and show you how to use your biometric thumb scan to pay.

Packed lunches: Bring these in a clearly marked lunch box and eat them only in the café. Any drinks should be stored inside your lunch box in a suitable container – **no glass bottles**. You can sit wherever there is space in the canteen – inside, outside or upstairs.

Mid-morning break

You may bring: fruit, cereal bars, carrots, celery or dried fruit (to be eaten only in the playground). **DO NOT** bring sweets, chewing gum, biscuits or crisps; it must be a **HEALTHY** snack!

In good weather you are expected to go out to the playground at mid morning break and at lunchtime.

If the weather is BAD you are allowed to stay in your classroom BUT REMEMBER – your classroom is not the playground so you should sit down – NOT RUN AROUND – and maybe talk to your friends, draw or read a good book.



Balls can be used at lunchtime. Soft sponge balls only are allowed on the playground – not tennis or footballs. This means no one gets hurt and no damage is done. Do not bring expensive toys or games to school as these can easily get lost or broken.

Clubs –

We have LOTS of clubs on offer, before school, at lunchtime and after school. During the first few days in school we will tell you all about the different types of clubs you can join – there are PE clubs, Performing arts, Creative clubs, Scientific, Games, Maths, Reading clubs and many, many more – there is even a club to do your homework in.

We hope you will give at least one club a try, maybe even more!!

What to bring to school -

In your form room you will have a place to hang your coat and bag. You will share this space with another pupil so try to keep your bags as small as you can.

Equipment you will need:

- notebook;
- strong, plastic 30cm ruler;
- HB pencil; (more than 1 is very helpful)
- soft rubber
- blue ink pen or Berol handwriting pen – NOT a biro or felt-tipped pen please;
- some colouring pencils;
- dry-wipe whiteboard pen (non-permanent);
- glue stick;
- basic calculator;
- pocket dictionary;
- reading book
- pencil case



Try to only bring your PE kit in on the days you have PE or are doing a club. You will find out when those days are when you join us in September.

Look after your belongings carefully!

Robert Bloomfield is a large school and hundreds of children will be wearing the same uniform as you. It is very important that ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT belonging to you are CLEARLY NAMED.

We ask children to do this every year, but still have many items of lost property – all unnamed. Remember, your clothes are expensive – look after them.

After every Games and P.E. lesson the teacher will check the changing rooms for lost property. If an item is named then it can be returned to you quickly.

On the next few pages are a few key questions you may want to know the answer to -

What do I do if....???

It is raining when I get to school?

Go straight to the New Hall.

I am absent from school?

As soon as you return to school you must bring a note from home explaining why you were away. It is important that you remember this.



I forget my dinner money or packed lunch?

Ask a teacher to write a note in your diary giving permission for you to have a school dinner. You need to present this to the lady at the till. The next day you will have to bring the money in (£2.40).

I feel ill at school?

Tell the teacher who is teaching you at the time. If they feel it is needed, they will give you an orange slip which you must take to the M.I. room (you will be shown where this is).

I want to ride my bicycle to school?

You must show written permission from your parents to your form tutor. We strongly suggest you take the Bikeability course in the Summer of Year 5.

I have a problem on the bus?

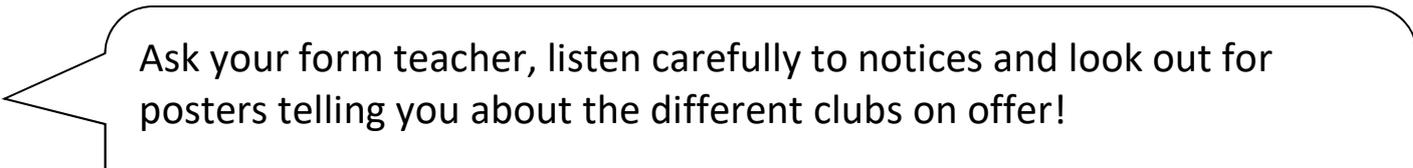
Speak to your form tutor and they will direct you on where to go and what to do.

Will I be with my friend in class?

Your classes are put together with pupils from lots of other schools. Your Year 4 teacher will have given us lots of information about you and who it would be good for you to be in a class with. It might not be the person you wanted to be with, but you can always meet up with them to play or go to clubs and they might be in the same half of the Year group so you may still have some lessons together.

What do I do with my cookery ingredients?

You bring in your own cookery ingredients and store them in a safe place in the food room. When you have your first lesson you will be told where this is, and what ingredients you need to bring in.



Ask your form teacher, listen carefully to notices and look out for posters telling you about the different clubs on offer!

There is a lot of useful information on our school web-site:

<https://www.robertbloomfield.beds.sch.uk/>