



Knowleswood
Primary School

Knowleswood Primary School and Nursery
Knowleswood Primary School, Knowles Lane, Bradford, BD4 9AE

Headteacher: Ryan Lewis
Telephone: 01274 778177

Welcome back

Tuesday 2nd September, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you've had a lovely summer break, and enjoyed some family time. We're really looking forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow.

School opens for pupils tomorrow at 8:30am, and Breakfast Club will be open as normal at 8am.

Children in Nursery and Reception will have had information from the Early Years team about their day; give the office a call if you're not sure.

The doors are labelled to help you in the first days of the year. You only need to remember the name of your child's class! Staff will also be in the playground and on the doors should you need any help.

This Year

We're working really hard to continue to improve the school. We hope last year that you saw the improvements in the curriculum, in behaviour and in the learning experience your child received.

This year, we will be continuing this journey. We want all our children to have the very best opportunities in their future. Over the summer, we have:

- Received training on Reading and Phonics, Behaviour and Health and Safety
- Improved the Key Stage 1 playground, ready for more work as we move through the year
- Added more toilets near the Key Stage 2 entrance, a first aid room and a disabled toilet
- Completed the Hub, this is our provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs
- Finished the redecoration of the corridors and shared spaces, and added more educational displays throughout school
- Added to the schools fencing, CCTV and security

You can see some photos on our Facebook Page, if you'd like to have a look.

Attendance

The value school adds to the educational experience, and the environment, is pointless if children are not at school. So, this year, we will continue to insist that pupils attend school as much as possible, to give them the very best chance of success.



90% attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, however in reality that means your child misses half a day of school every week, the equivalent of 19 school days (almost one whole month), during the year. Children who miss this amount of school do not achieve as well as their peers who attend more regularly.

We expect all pupils to attend school as regularly as possible. Our ambition for every child is 100% attendance.

Impact over 1 school year and Impact over 5 school years

	Impact over 1 school year	Impact over 5 school years
100% Attendance	0 days missed	0 days missed
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 Week and 4 Days of learning lost	¼ year learning lost
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of learning lost	½ year learning lost
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost	¾ year learning lost
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost	1 year learning lost
75% Attendance	47 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning lost	1 ¼ years learning lost

Our attendance policy is available to read on our school website. This explains how we monitor attendance and follow-up absence.

- If you need to keep your child off to attend an appointment of other important event, you need to fill in a request form – available from the school office. If we don't receive a form in advance, any absence will be unauthorised.
- If your child has ten sessions (ten half-days/five full days) of unauthorised absence, we will refer this to the Local Authority, to issue a fine

Uniform

We all want our children to do well at school, to behave well, to learn and to be happy, we feel like wearing our uniform is the best way to start. We intentionally have a uniform that is the lowest cost it possibly can be, with no requirement for logos on any item, and flexibility in the colour of polo-shirts, so you can definitely source one from a supermarket. From September 2025, we will be moving towards having a single colour polo-shirt – we have chosen red as this is stocked in store, at Asda; and is widely available in other stores and online.

We also provide uniform vouchers for children who receive free school meals, and we'll always try to help if we can. We have a stock of good quality used uniforms, which we check and wash, and offer this to support families too.



Knowleswood
Primary School

Knowleswood Primary School and Nursery
Knowleswood Primary School, Knowles Lane, Bradford, BD4 9AE

Headteacher: Ryan Lewis
Telephone: 01274 778177

Given our flexibility, we expect all children to be in uniform every day, this includes the correct uniform for PE days. If you need help, just ask.

Uniform is available from various shops and websites. Please see the school uniform section on our website for details.

PE Days are as follows:

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday (swimming on a Monday, details to follow)

Year 6 – Monday and Thursday

The Hub – Friday (Starting week 2)

Snack and Milk

Milk

Nursery and Reception: Free for all

Years 1 – 6: Cost per week (free for pupils in receipt of free school meals)

Snack

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Free Fruit

Year 3 – 6: Can bring a piece of fruit (any other food items will be returned at the end of the day) We are working to have a Key Stage 2 snack option available in the coming weeks

Staffing

To help us to really make a difference at Knowleswood, we've added some colleagues to the team:

Mrs Ryan joins us as our Nursery Teacher, leading our Nursery provision. Mrs Ryan is an experienced Early Years teacher, and we're really excited that she's joining the team



Knowleswood
Primary School

Knowleswood Primary School and Nursery
Knowleswood Primary School, Knowles Lane, Bradford, BD4 9AE

Headteacher: Ryan Lewis
Telephone: 01274 778177

From September, Mrs Donnelly will be the school's SEND Coordinator, please feel free to get in touch if you need any help, support or advice.

Just a reminder, we now have an Assistant Headteacher for each part of the school:

Mrs Donnelly – Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Mrs Odedra – Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Mrs Wainman – Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Miss Noble – Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)

If you have a child in any of the above year groups, feel free to ask for the Assistant Headteacher. This will mean that Myself, and Miss Truesdale will be able to give more time to you and the children when you need us most.

And on a final note, we're excited for the new year, and want things to start as smoothly as possible and without incident! Can I just remind everyone that nothing should be brought onto the school site that will cause harm to anyone, this includes electric scooters, motorcycles, tobacco products, or dogs (as just a few examples). Please think before putting any of us at risk. I'm sure you'll all agree that our school should be a safe place, and we all have a responsibility to keep it that way.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Lewis
Headteacher