

7th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Transition: We are very excited to be welcoming our Y6 pupils to Birley Academy from Monday through Wednesday this week. We know all of our current pupils will make them feel welcome and supported and lead by example in terms of uniform and behaviour!

Rewards Day: As many of you are aware, we have relaunched the rewards systems here at Birley, and want to start as we mean to go on by recognising all of our pupils who are consistently behaving well in both lessons and social times, and are trying their best every day. We know that sometimes our pupils will have off days, or be late to a lesson, so our benchmark this half term is 90% positive points (maximum 10% behaviour points). From September this adjusts to 95% positive as the benchmark as pupils have a deeper understanding of the process.

This half term our rewards are being finalised by Heads of Year with SLT, and will be mostly 'in house' – with all pupils who are eligible invited to participate on **THURSDAY 18th JULY**. *If your child has exceeded the number of behaviour points as isn't eligible this half term, they will have lessons in school as normal.* Further information regarding the rewards will be shared with pupils at the end of this week and with yourselves via next week's bulletin.

Medication in School: If your child requires medication in school (including non-prescription items such as paracetamol and hay fever antihistamines) please can you ensure these are signed into reception. They will then be kept securely by the medical team and available to your child when required. Any medication seen on a student will be removed and placed into reception for you to collect. If your child has medication in school or a medical condition we are not yet aware of, please contact Rebecca Jones directly on RebeccaJones@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk

SEND passes: Please see the letter attached regarding SEND passes and how these are being adjusted from September.

Dates for the diary:

- **Rewards Activities:** Thursday 18th July for pupils who are eligible for rewards
- **End of Term: On Friday 19th July our pupils will finish school at 12:15pm.** They will be able to access food from the dining hall before they leave site – this will be a 'grab & go' offer.
- **School Photographs:** Whole school photographs *Monday 9th September*.

Timings of the school day: *In September*, we are adjusting the timings of lessons and lunch, taking us to 5 one hour lessons in place of 6. The timings are below. The school day will end as present, at 2:55pm.

8:25am	8:30am	8:40am	9:40am	10:40am	10:55am	11:55pm	12:55pm	1:25pm	1:55pm
Line up	PREPPS	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	PD Lesson	Lesson 5

Your child needs to be at school no later than 8:20am, and in their form line up at 8:25am ready for key announcements.

I hope you have had a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing all of our pupils on Monday.

Warm regards,



Victoria Hall
Headteacher

