



School Prospectus



# Welcome to . . .

## Bratton Fleming Community Primary School



### Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Bratton Fleming Community Primary School. Everyone in school looks forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child's school life is a happy and fulfilling experience.

As a school averaging around 125 pupils in five classes, we take pride in our strong sense of community within school. Teachers, learning support assistants, meal time assistants, administrator and cleaning staff, join with the children in taking great pride in our school and we all work as a team to ensure it is always a happy and safe environment for everyone.

We keep you informed about your child's educational progress and activities in school, through weekly newsletters, termly parent/teacher meetings and child reports. We also encourage you to take a keen interest in your child's education and hope that you will come and talk to me or your child's teacher about any issue concerning your child.

At Bratton Fleming we are committed to working in close partnership with parents in order to provide the best for your child. We encourage children to achieve their best, recognising each child's strengths and areas

to develop. You will find a warm and welcoming atmosphere in our school, built on family values and respect for each other. We are an inclusive school and value all children for the contribution that they can make to school life, regardless of ability.

In September 2012 Bratton Fleming CP School federated with Holywell C of E School, near Tawstock. Both schools are now called The Gateway Federation and have one governing body supporting the running of both schools.

We are always happy to have visitors and would welcome the opportunity to show you around. Please telephone the office and make an appointment to view the school and meet with the Headteacher. Much more information can be found on the school website.

I look forward to meeting you and your child.



Susan Denham  
Executive Headteacher

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# School Aims

Our school motto is:

**“PRIDE IN ALL WE DO”**

## **We will:**

- Praise each other and smile and have fun
- Be proud to be an individual and work together as a team
- Work hard and play hard in all we do
- Have positive attitude to learning and become independent learners
- Treat each other and each others' property with respect
- Be polite, well mannered and considerate
- Be kind and helpful and share
- Respect and follow our school rules

**We will also respect and follow the school Golden Rules.**

Our 9 School Family Values are:

**Friendship**

**Respect**

**Peace**

**Truthfulness and honesty**

**Love and compassion**

**Hope**

**Trust**

**Thankfulness and appreciation**

**Courage**



**“Our school will be a fun,  
happy, safe and caring place”**



# The Curriculum

The core subjects of mathematics, science and English play a central role in the curriculum. Each class has a daily literacy and numeracy lesson; these usually take place in the morning.

In addition the children undertake work in art/craft, design and technology, geography, history, information and communications technology, music, modern foreign languages, PE (which includes games, gymnastics, dance and swimming), religious education and personal and social education. We endeavour to provide a broad, balanced and fun curriculum, relevant to the children's needs. Planning is mainly in the form of cross-curricular activities, within the framework provided by the National Curriculum. Care is taken to ensure that work is matched to the abilities of individual children.

We continually assess your child's individual progress. Parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at two parent conferences held throughout the year. In addition parents receive an annual written report.

## Creative Days

Each term the school has Creative Days. On these days the children work in their house groups and take part in a range of creative activities. In the past these have included, drumming, dancing, pottery,

model making, beach day, craft activities. The purpose of these days is to give children a range of different curricular and social opportunities from their normal schooling.

## School Council

The School Council meets three or four times each term. It comprises of representatives from each year group throughout the school, who are elected by their peers. The purpose of the school council is to give everyone involved in the school, the opportunity to express their views and make suggestions to enhance all aspects of school activities.

## ICT

We have at present twelve PCs networked to a server located in the central area of the school. In addition we have 15 ipads.

## Responsible Internet Use

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of ICT skills, we provide supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the use of the internet and e-mail is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world.

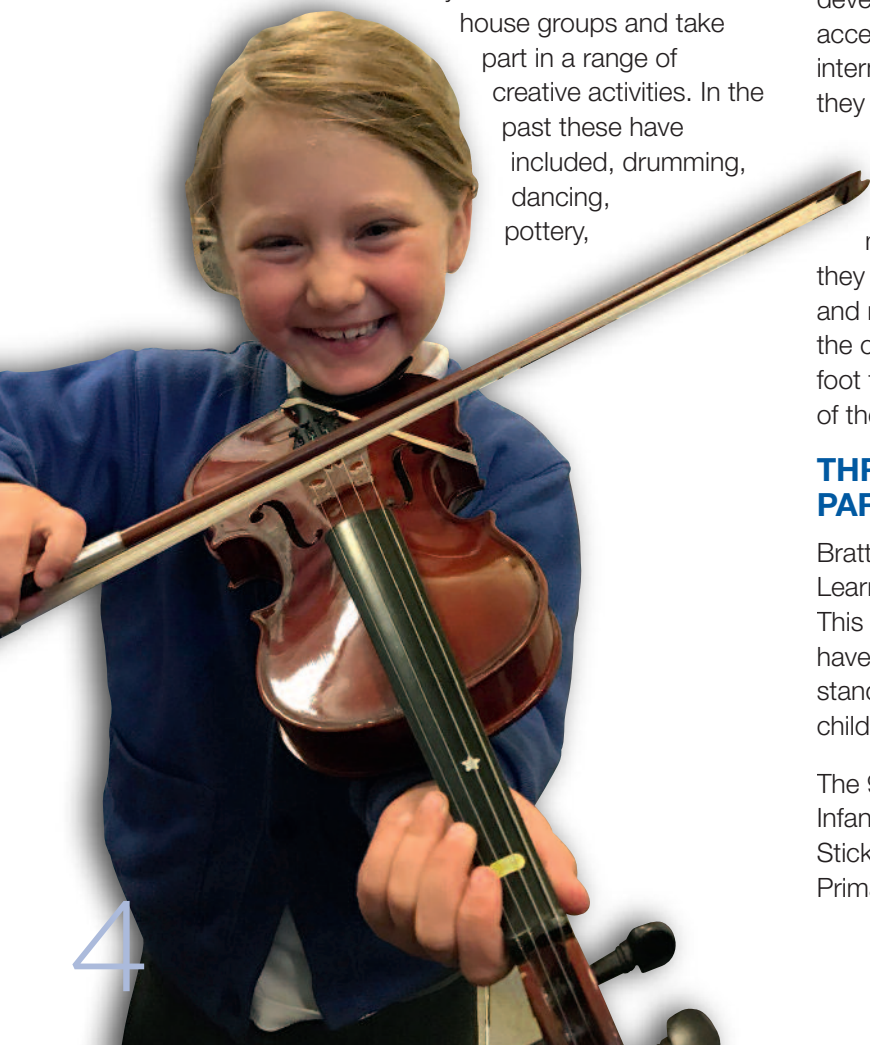
## Educational Visits

As part of their learning, the children regularly make educational visits connected with the work they are doing. Parents will be sent details of the visit and may be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of the trip. The children also make visits on foot to non-hazardous venues in the immediate area of the school.

## THREE VALLEYS LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Bratton Fleming is a member of the Three Valleys Learning Partnership, which is a Co-operative Trust. This is a group of 9 like minded primary schools who have all opted to work closely together to raise standards and improve the life chances of ALL children within the Trust.

The 9 schools are: Holywell, Bratton Fleming, Pilton Infants, Yeo Valley Primary, Bishop Tawton Primary, Sticklepath Primary, Ashleigh Primary, Our Lady's RC Primary and Forches Primary.



# Parents and School

Families are welcome in our school. We believe that when there is effective communication between home and school and where there is mutual trust, children have the best chance to reach their individual potential.

At the start of each term we will send out a curriculum statement informing parents what work their child will be undertaking during the term.

We are always glad to have any help at any time. Just let us know when you are able to spare some time and what you would feel happiest doing.

Every Friday we produce a newsletter giving you details of ongoing and forthcoming events in school. We also have a parent's notice board to help keep parents informed of school activities.

## Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)

We have an enthusiastic association and aim to support our school in any way we can. We encourage all parents and prospective parents to participate fully in our fund raising and social activities.

To date we have funded the construction of a pond, the purchase of picnic benches and the development of the children's playground and surrounding area. We have also supplied games and equipment for the children and blinds for the ICT suite.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Association.  
Melissa Sloman, Chairperson



# The School Day

The school day begins at 9.00am. The children should arrive in good time but not before 8.50am. It is very important that your child is at school by 9.00am settled and ready to start.

Pupils can bring in a healthy snack for break and KS1 pupils have fruit provided for later in the day. Pupils can have milk privately purchased through a milk scheme. Please call into the school office for more information.

There will be an annual list of holiday dates circulated in the newsletter at the beginning of the autumn term.

## Clubs

Children from all classes are able to join in a variety of after school clubs held between 3.15 and 4.15pm. The clubs they can choose from are typically art/craft, sports, gardening/board games and music.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning in the school hall from 8.00am to 8.50am. The cost is £3.00 per session. Cereal, toast and a drink are available. There is no need to book in a session – please just come along.

After School Club runs from 3.15pm to 5.30pm every day. The cost is £7.00 per session. Snacks and drinks are provided. A wide variety of activities are available every night. Bookings can be made on the day but please advise the school if your child is to attend.

## Instrumental Music Tuition

We offer private tuition in guitar, violin, viola and piano.





# Sporting Aims



**The purpose of sport at our school is to help all pupils to:-**

- appreciate and enjoy moving and achieving in sport
- develop the appreciation of the concepts of fair play, honest competition and good sportsmanship.
- encourage tolerance and co-operation
- increase stamina, strength and hand, eye co-ordination
- develop confidence
- experience decision making opportunities
- learn to cope with success and failure
- develop relevant skills, knowledge and understanding for future vocations and leisure.



## Sports

The school plays a variety of sports, usually in small sided or adapted versions. These include football, rugby, rounders, cricket, tennis and hockey.

We have a large playing field with a recently constructed adventure playground, also a large flat playground with a rebound wall. This is marked out with three small courts and one netball court. These areas are sometimes used by local community groups eg pre school and and scout groups.

In addition there are many after school sporting clubs

available. Wherever possible the school will take part in school sporting festivals and tournaments, such as tag rugby, kwik cricket, football.

The school holds their own active sports day in the summer term.

## Swimming and gymnastics

At present swimming sessions are held for KS2 children at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre and gymnastics for all age groups at Tarka Gymnastics.



# Starting and Transferring School

We believe that it is very important for all of us to work together to make your child's entry into school as smooth and happy as possible.

## **Bratton Fleming Pre-School C.I.C.**

Bratton Fleming Pre-School is situated within the grounds of the Primary School. They run as a Community Interest Company from a lovely purpose-built building, Fawn Lodge, where they provide a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Their qualified and experienced staff pride themselves on offering quality care and Early Years education and they have strong links with the Primary School.

For further information on the setting, or for a copy of their Prospectus, please feel free to contact the Manager on 01598 710019 or 07745 071348. They look forward to welcoming you and your child.

## **Bratton Fleming Baby & Toddler Group**

Bratton Fleming Baby and Toddler Group is for all children under 3 years of age.

They operate every Wednesday morning during term time from 9.30am to 11.30am, in the Village Hall. There is a large choice of stimulating toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and a chance for parents/carers to meet with others within the community.

Parents/carers must accompany and are responsible for their own children during baby and toddler sessions.

For further information please contact our Group representative, Annie Jones 01598 710019 or 07855 878166.

## **Starting School**

Children start full time at school in September. The term before we will invite your child to school to spend a

morning in the reception class, meeting the reception teacher and the team. There will be a meeting for parents at the same time to meet the headteacher, and go through all the business of starting school. There will be an opportunity for you to talk about any queries or concerns you may have. After this first meeting, your child will then be invited to two more visits to the school, the second one staying all morning and for lunchtime and the third staying in school all day.

## **Primary /Secondary transfer**

At the end of year 6, children transfer to secondary school. Most children from Bratton Fleming go on to Pilton Community College. At the beginning of the autumn term of year 6 the school will send home a booklet entitled 'The Next Step' which explains the whole transfer process. If further advice is needed, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01392 383829.

The school has close links with Pilton Community College. The school holds open mornings and evenings and parents are encouraged to visit. In the spring term the liaison teacher visits the school and talks to the children. The transferring of records also begins. In the summer term, the year head visits school to talk to the children then they spend a day at the school experiencing sample lessons. Curriculum information is passed on to the secondary school by us. The whole process is designed to make the transfer process as easy and problem free as possible.

The principal of Pilton Community College is Ms L Miller-Marshall. Please contact the college if you would like further information or to arrange a visit. The telephone number is 01271-374381, e-mail = [comed@piltoncollege.org.uk](mailto:comed@piltoncollege.org.uk)

ADMISSION CRITERIA is available from the Next Step Booklet or [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions)





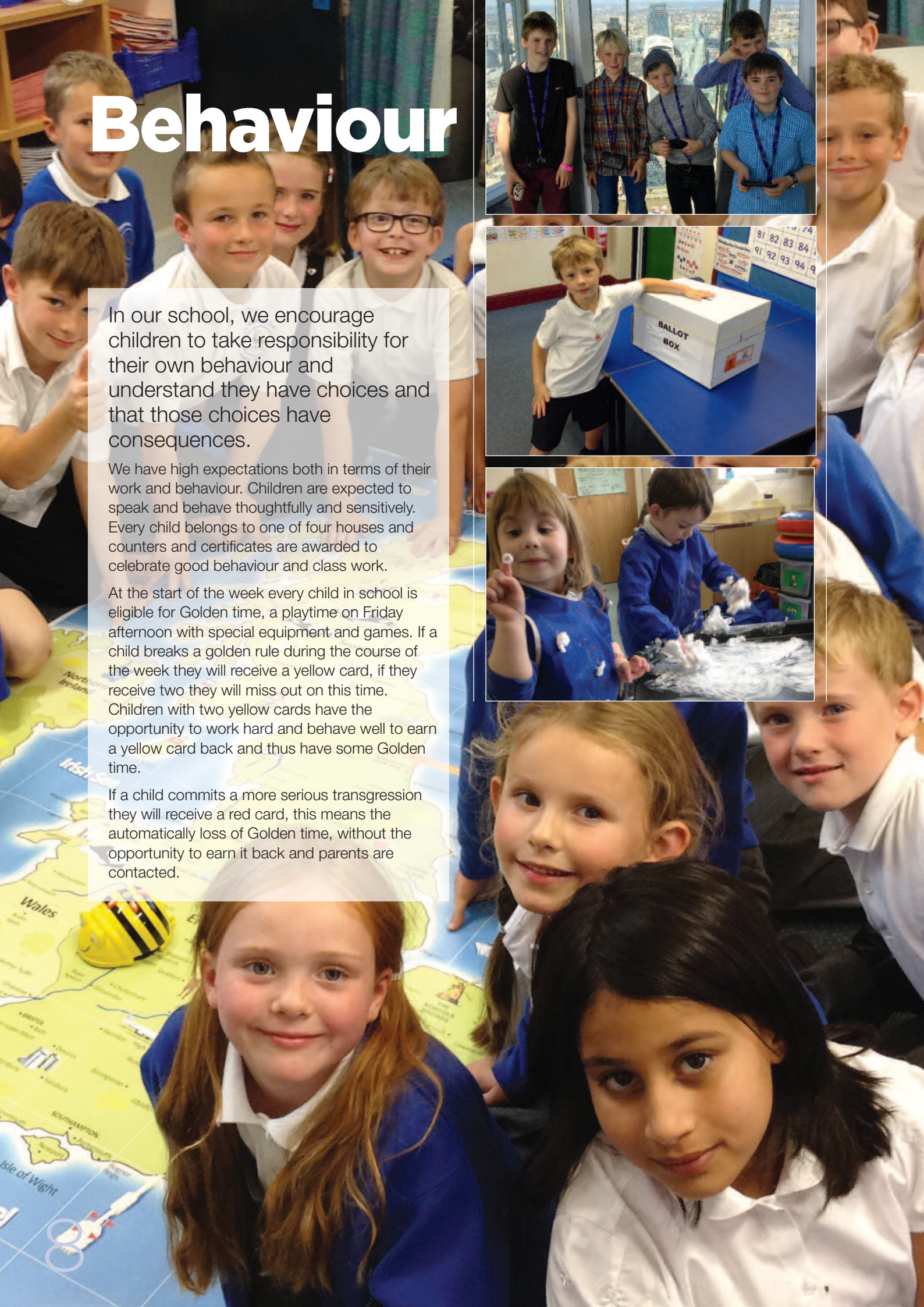
# Behaviour

In our school, we encourage children to take responsibility for their own behaviour and understand they have choices and that those choices have consequences.

We have high expectations both in terms of their work and behaviour. Children are expected to speak and behave thoughtfully and sensitively. Every child belongs to one of four houses and counters and certificates are awarded to celebrate good behaviour and class work.

At the start of the week every child in school is eligible for Golden time, a playtime on Friday afternoon with special equipment and games. If a child breaks a golden rule during the course of the week they will receive a yellow card, if they receive two they will miss out on this time. Children with two yellow cards have the opportunity to work hard and behave well to earn a yellow card back and thus have some Golden time.

If a child commits a more serious transgression they will receive a red card, this means the automatically loss of Golden time, without the opportunity to earn it back and parents are contacted.







# Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Our school is a very inclusive school and is successfully implementing the SEN Policy. Reviews of children on the SEN Register take place each term. Parents of children on the School Register are invited to discuss their child's progress on a regular basis. Parents are welcome at all times to discuss any concerns they may have – please feel free to contact Mrs Denham or Mrs Day at the School.

Some children may show exceptional abilities academically, creatively or in physical and sporting skills. Our aim is to discover and maximise the potential of each child who is felt to be able or talented. Again we would seek the expertise of advisory teachers if necessary in order to give the child the support needed.

Further information may be obtained from the Head teacher.



“ The school has wheelchair lifts and ramps and is fully accessible to anyone in a wheelchair ”



# Health and Medical Information

## The Public Health Nursing Service (School Health)

School nurses regularly visit the school. They promote the health and wellbeing of children and families, both at home and in school, and can give specific support and health advice to young people and their families.

Usually they can offer direct advice and support. Sometimes they may refer to other people with specialist knowledge who can help.

They may also undertake classroom based health promotion work in areas such as healthy eating, puberty and hygiene.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact them if they have any health concerns about their son or daughter. Your school nurse can help provide health care plans for any child with medical needs or prescription only medicines required in school. Do not hesitate to contact your school nurse.

Your school nurse is based at Integrated Children's Services, Springfield Court, Brannam Crescent, Roundswell, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 3UDE. Tel: 01271 384093

## Health Problems

Please make sure that you let your child's teacher know if your child suffers from any health problems which may affect his/her learning, for example hearing problems.

## Asthma

It is very important that we know if your child suffers from asthma. You will be asked to complete a form permitting your child to have the inhaler in school.



# Absence from School

Please let us know on the morning of absence if your child will not be coming to school and then daily. On return to school please send in a note explaining the reason for his/her absence. We are obliged to keep records of children's absences and any absence which is not for health or specific family reasons will be classified as unauthorised.

## Holidays

The law (Educational Act 1996) does not grant parents automatic rights to take their children out of school during term time - these have to be 'exceptional circumstances' and normally, days out and holidays are NOT seen to be exceptional. If you need to remove your child from school, please make an appointment to see the Executive Headteacher, who will then ask you to fill in the S2 Absence Request Form. (There is no 'holiday form' – the S2 is the only form available.)



# Snacks and Meals

## Snacks

Children are permitted to bring a small suitable snack to eat at morning break time. We would encourage fruit, cheese and yoghurts – not crisps, sweets and sugar based drinks. Children are encouraged to drink water in class, with water bottles provided by the school.

## Meals

School meals, are cooked on the premises. If your child has special dietary needs, please let us know

Dinner money should be paid in advance on Monday mornings. It is helpful if the correct money can be sent.

Free meals are provided for the children of parents on income support or income-based jobseekers' allowance. An application form BR35 is included in this pack. This should be completed and returned to

school. Please apply if you are entitled to free school meals even if your child is having a packed lunch. Our free school meal percentage will directly affect our budget and performance table.

Packed lunches may be brought to school. In order to ensure your child's safety we ask that any drinks brought to accompany packed lunches are in plastic containers.

“We are a Nut Free School”

# Parking and Transport

## Parking

Parents are asked to park carefully so that the children are able to enter and leave the school safely.

Double parking is hazardous for those trying to cross the road and cause problems for through traffic, please try to avoid doing this.

Please ensure that your child is supervised after the teaching staff leave them at the school gate/lower playground.

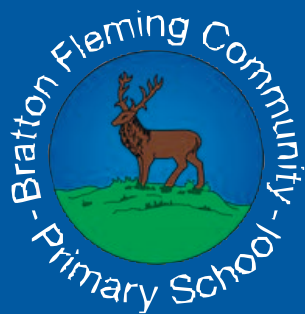
## Transport

Children who qualify for school transport will be given a bus pass issued by the Education Authority. At the beginning of the day the school bus will convey the children to the top of the school drive. At the end of the day the children will be supervised by a member of staff onto the school bus. If for any reason your child is not going to travel home on the bus, please send a note to your child's class teacher on that day or telephone us. Only authorised children may travel on a school bus at any time.





# PRIDE IN ALL WE DO



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