



Weekly Bulletin

4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome our learners back to Belgrave School and see the enthusiasm they have brought to the start of the new academic year.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement, and we would like to thank families for their continued support.

Developments Around School

Over the summer, work took place to extend the playground area at the rear of the school. While the space is still very much a work in progress, we are excited about the opportunities it will provide for our learners.

Our aim is to create an outdoor environment where more learners can enjoy spending their break and lunchtime outside. As the area develops, we hope to introduce activities and additional seating so that learners have a range of options for how they spend their social time.

Most importantly, we want our learners to help shape this space. Over the coming weeks, we will be consulting with learners about what they would like to see in the playground and how it can best meet their needs. We firmly believe that learners should have a voice in decisions that affect their school experience, and I have already enjoyed hearing some fantastic ideas. There will be plenty of opportunities for learners to contribute suggestions and help us create an outdoor space that they can be proud of.

Lunchtime Arrangements for Key Stage 4

As Belgrave School continues to grow and we welcome more learners than ever before, we have made some changes to lunchtime arrangements.

This year, Key Stage 4 learners will use the Upper Hall for lunch. This gives older learners a more mature space during lunchtime, supports independence and helps prepare

them for Post-16 education and the transitions ahead. It also allows them to spend time with their peers in an environment that reflects their increasing maturity.

The Upper Hall arrangement also helps us make better use of our available space as we continue to develop our routines and processes. Our long-term aim remains to provide more opportunities for learners to spend break and lunchtime outdoors should they wish to do so.

We understand that change can sometimes feel unsettling. However, we greatly value the views of our learners and want them to feel that their opinions matter. Learners are already helping us think about future playground developments and lunchtime provision, and we will continue to gather feedback to ensure that our arrangements best meet their needs.

Use of the Local Park

Unfortunately, we have recently been informed by the Park Community Action Group that the condition of the local park has deteriorated significantly.

The amount of litter, broken glass and evidence of fires has increased, creating potential safety concerns. As a result, and in the interests of learner safety and wellbeing, we have made the decision to restrict our use of the park to the football pitch area only.

We know how much our learners enjoy using local community facilities and hope that improvements can be made to the park in the future. We will continue to monitor the situation and review arrangements as necessary.

Uniform Expectations

We understand the importance of comfort, particularly for many of our learners. However, we also want learners to take pride in their appearance and present themselves appropriately within the school community. Wearing suitable clothing helps create a positive learning environment and prepares learners for future education, training and employment settings.

Where possible, learners should wear:

- Belgrave School polo shirt
- Belgrave School hoodie
- Comfortable clothing suitable for learning
- Safe and practical footwear

The following are not permitted:

✗ Revealing clothing (including vest tops, crop tops, low-cut tops, see-through clothing, visible underwear or short skirts)

- ✗ Beachwear or pyjamas
- ✗ Clothing with offensive, political, alcohol, drug or gambling-related messages
- ✗ Excessively ripped, tight-fitting or unsuitable clothing
- ✗ Unsafe footwear, including flip-flops, sliders, backless shoes or high heels
- ✗ Excessive jewellery or items that present a safety risk

Working Together

At Belgrave School, we believe that the best outcomes are achieved when learners, families and staff work together. We are committed to listening to our learners, valuing their views and creating an environment where they feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful year and to working together with our learners and families to create a positive, supportive and ambitious school community where every learner can flourish.

Warm regards,

Gwen Bennion

Principal, Belgrave School

Upcoming Inclusion & SEN Friendly

Bristol Parent Carers – SEND Coffee Mornings & Workshops



Various locations across Bristol

Free events for parents & carers

Bristol Parent Carers run a wide range of inclusive, low pressure events including:

- SEND coffee mornings in North, South and Central Bristol
- Workshops on sensory processing, anxiety, additional needs and more

These sessions help families meet others, understand local services and access nonjudgemental support.

Event listings:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/bristol-parent-carers-7809612275>

Organisation website:

<https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk>

Bristol SEND Events Calendar (Ongoing Inclusive Sessions)

A continually updated calendar of inclusive events, activities, support sessions and workshops for children and young people with additional needs, curated by Bristol Parent Carers and local SEND organisations.

Calendar:

<https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/>



ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ANYTHING?

Family worries? Bullying?
Racism? Anxiety? Social
media? Unsafe behaviour?
Drugs? Sexuality?
Self-harm? Homophobia?
Substance abuse?

Designated
Safeguarding &
Prevent Lead



Gwen

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Leads



Amy and Karen

I need someone to talk to.
I'm worried about a friend.
I need help!



Speak to us.
We're here to
listen to you!

Just remember
you can speak
to ANY
member of
staff about
ANYTHING at
ANY TIME - we
are here for
you.

Remember our
online safety
rules and be
smart on the
internet!

