

# GREAT BOWDEN ACADEMY

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## INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2026

### Stay and Play Session: Monday 18th May 1.30-2.30pm

We would like to invite your child to a 'stay and play' session, with parents invited to attend. This will be a chance for your child to meet other children, their class teachers and have a look around the school. Whilst the children are getting familiar with the school surroundings, and each other, we will hold an informal 'tea and chat' for parents/carers, where we will be on hand to answer any questions you might have, as well as giving you the opportunity to meet other parents.

### Parents Information Evening: Wednesday 24th June 6-7pm

We will be holding a parents' meeting for you to find out more about the transition process and other useful information such as the curriculum, school uniform, school meals, where to go on your first day and ways to help prepare your child for school. This meeting is for parents/carers only, however please let us know if you do not have any childcare options and will need to bring your child.

### Teddy Bears' Picnic: Tuesday 25th August 11am – 1pm

Your child is invited to attend a 'teddy bears' picnic' at school. This will give your child an opportunity to see the school and class teacher again, with the aim to remove any worries they may have about starting school in a few days time. We have found this can make their first day calmer and more positive. They will play some games and listen to some stories. Please could your child bring a packed lunch and a water bottle with them on the day, and dress in their own clothes, save school uniform for their first day. Further details will be sent closer to the time.

### Phased Start: Thursday 27th August – Friday 28th August 9.30am-1.30pm

To help your child settle in, your child's first week will be the morning and lunch time session only. From Tuesday 1st September onwards, they will join for the full day, 8.45am until 3.15pm.

## KEY STAFF

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Blagburn

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Chela Grainge

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO): Mrs Erica Biddle

EYFS Teachers: Mrs Grainge and Mrs McHugo

Office Team: Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Wilson

