



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and that we can start to look forward to some nicer weather now that spring has officially started. The recent snowfall was unexpected and a bit unnecessary I thought! I apologise again that the texts about the late start to school on that day did not get through to you promptly. We are having a SIMs update over the holiday and so I hope that this will solve any problems in the future.

What's been happening this term?

It has been a busy half term with lots of learning and lots of extracurricular activities too. It really feels that BBEC is getting back to normal after the constraints of Covid. This term students have taken part in trips to Chester Zoo, Leeds Playhouse to see Macbeth, to the Grand Mosque in Bradford and students have left for their skiing trip in Italy this morning. The BBEC family have shown their kindness in raising money for Red Nose Day and for Young Minds, a charity that supports children's mental health, as well as donating magnificently for our Ukrainian appeal; thank you so much for your support. We celebrated World Book Day, LGBTQ+ History month and British Science Week. Some students have received training on how to save a life, in public speaking and as anti-bullying ambassadors. All our parliament departments have been busy and three of our prefects spoke at a Bradford Council meeting to ask the Council to fund better road safety arrangements outside BBEC – democracy in action! Please take a look at our latest BBEC Buzz to see more of this term's events [BBEC-BUZZ-SPRING-2022-FOR-WEB.pdf \(buttershaw.net\)](#)

Parents'/carers' voice

As you know, we ask parents/carers to complete a questionnaire at all parents'/carers' evenings. As we have now had a parents'/carers' evening for all year groups, we thought we would share a summary of the results for the questions that all parents answered:

	Agree	Disagree
1. My child is happy at BBEC	95%	5%
2. My child feels safe at BBEC	95%	5%
3. BBEC has high expectations for my child	97%	3%
4. BBEC makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year	83%	17%
5. There is a good range of subjects available at BBEC	98%	2%
6. My child does well at BBEC	97%	3%
7. My child knows at least one member of staff who he/she/they would go to if he/she/they have any concerns	98%	2%
8. My child can take part in clubs and activities at BBEC	97%	3%
9. I would recommend this school to another parent	94%	6%

We are really pleased with these but have taken note that not all parents know what their child is learning. We aim to rectify this next term.



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We also would like to share some of the lovely comments that we have received this year

BBEC is the best!

School is engaging,
offers support and
clubs.

**Excellent SEND and pastoral
support with exemplary caring
and professional staff**

Good work
and
management!

I am proud my child
attends such a fantastic
school

The teachers have all been
great with my son.
Thank you!

My child has made
excellent progress at
BBEC due to the quality
of teaching of all the
staff!

The staff are always
friendly, honest and
approachable.

My daughter loves
school and is doing
amazing!

*Wonderful, caring
teachers who want the
best for the children.*

My child seems to
be happy at school
and seems to be
enjoying her
learning!

My child enjoys
coming to school and
talks about her
teachers and the
subjects.

The teachers appear to
encourage productive
environment. Teachers
care about student
wellbeing.

My child is happy within the
school and any issues are
dealt with quickly.

*My child enjoys STEM
club and going to the
Hub at lunchtime to
chat to his friends*

The school
100% support
all the way!
SENDCO is
amazing!

Cannot fault the school at all.
child has settled in so well.

My child is making
fabulous progress

Amazing school!
Very pleased!

Teachers
are really
supportive

Positive engagement
of child's
development and
always looking for
ways to improve.

**A big thank you! The visual
environment and attitude of
staff is so positive!**



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Huge thanks to everyone who has been so supportive, there were too many comments to share all of them here. All BBEC's staff work really hard, and it is fabulous to know that you appreciate their efforts.

As always, we want to work in partnership with parents and carers and so I am asking for your support with:

1. Attendance

Lots of our students have fabulous attendance and always arrive on time and this week we have celebrated and rewarded hundreds of them for 100% attendance this term and some for the whole year. Well done to all of our students who have received vouchers, Easter eggs and certificates – keep it up next term! Good attendance really means success in learning.

It is a legal requirement for parents/carers to ensure that their children attend school and attend well. We have had to issue penalty notices to the parents/carers of some students whose attendance is poor. Penalty notices can result in a fine of up to £120 and a court case if the fine is not paid.

For others whose attendance has not been so good this term, the good news is that we start afresh next term with everyone having the chance to hit that 100% attendance mark all over again. **Let's make next term our best attendance possible with every student achieving over 94%.**

2. Punctuality

We have focused this last half term on lateness to school and lessons. Students with repeated lateness have time in isolation and either miss their lunchtime play or have a detention after school. We have already seen a real reduction in the number of students arriving late to lessons. This push will be continuing after the Easter holiday. Students who arrive on time are courteous to their teachers and can make the most of learning.

3. Mobile phones

Please remind your child(ren) that mobile phones should not be used in school and will be confiscated if they are seen. If parents need to contact children during the school day, please contact reception and we will pass any urgent messages on. Please do not contact your child directly.

4. Sports/energy drinks, fizzy drinks:

Shops close to school have been selling such drinks 'on offer' but they are not allowed in school. Such drinks will be confiscated and disposed of if they are brought into school.

5. Jewellery, hair colour, nails and false eyelashes:

Our rules are clear and are suitable for a school environment. Jewellery should be limited to a watch and plain, small stud earrings (one per ear) if required, nails should be of a short length and false eyelashes (individual or multi) are **not suitable** for school and are not allowed. Hair colour should be natural. All these rules are clearly written in the student planner. Please ensure that your child(ren) does not come to school breaking these rules.



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6. Uniform:

BBEC has a really smart uniform, and we expect all students to uphold our high standards of dress. Full school uniform should be worn. We **expect that all school uniform issues should be resolved after the Easter holiday**. There should be **no** students wearing trainers and school trousers (not leggings) should be worn. Please contact us on admin@buttershaw.net if you have any financial difficulties buying uniform and we will see how we can support you.

Students are allowed to wear **summer uniform** after the holiday. Summer uniform consists of a polo shirt in the same colour as the year group school jumper, school trousers and a BBEC blazer.



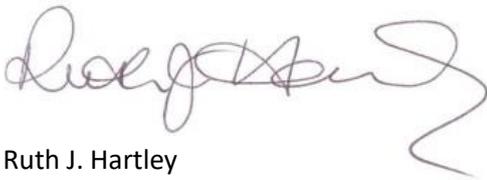
Students who do not wish to wear summer uniform should continue wearing shirt, tie, jumper, trousers and blazers as normal.

To all in the BBEC family observing Ramadan, Ramadan Kareem! We wish you a blessed and joyous month! I hope that everyone has a lovely Easter break and the Yorkshire weather stays fine for us all.

I hope that you and your families stay safe and healthy.

Take care.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



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