

# PARENTAL COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL FAQS

#### WHEN SHOULD I CONTACT SCHOOL?

As soon as you feel you need to. If in doubt, please contact us; we would far rather you contacted us for reassurance over something that turns out to be minor than spend time worrying about something. The table below in intended to help parents/carers work out the best member of staff to contact regarding their issue. If after reading through, you are still unsure who to contact, please do not hesitate to contact the main school office where our staff will be able to point you in the right direction. We try to respond to all emails within 48 hours.

#### I KNOW CLASS TEACHERS ARE VERY BUSY. IS IT OK TO CONTACT THEM?

Yes, it is absolutely fine to contact a class teacher if you need to. The vast majority of instances where parents/carers need to contact teachers can be dealt with via a quick email exchange, so feel free to do this in the first instance. Please be aware due to timetable commitments and extra —curricular activities teachers may not respond immediately.

#### CAN'T I JUST CONTACT THE HEADTEACHER IF I'VE GOT A PROBLEM?

Yes, you are always welcome to contact the Headteacher if you feel you need to (by emailing the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Muckley, <u>jmuckley@boteler.org.uk</u> or calling 01925 636414). At the same time, parents/carers will appreciate that in many circumstances it may be more appropriate for another member of staff who has a more detailed knowledge of the issue to respond in the first instance.

#### HOW QUICKLY CAN I EXPECT A RESPONSE TO MY QUERIES?

Please refer to the service standards section of the Communication Policy (on the website) for full details. Ordinarily, you can expect a response within 48 hours.

#### HOW DO I KNOW WHO IS THE BEST PERSON TO CONTACT?

The table below is intended to help parents/carers with information about who to contact in certain, common scenarios. If you are unsure about who to contact, we recommend you call the main school reception on 01925 636414, where our staff will be able to point you in the right direction. Email addresses can be found at the end of this document.

#### IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BEAR IN MIND?

Hopefully this guide, along with our full communication policy, covers what you need. The only other thing we would say is that we understand that sometimes parents or carers may be frustrated about issues that arise and we will always do our best to solve these. At the same time, our staff should not have to put up with communication that is rude, abusive or aggressive. Equally, we would much prefer parents or carers to contact us directly with concerns rather than raise them on social media before we have had the chance to respond.

#### COMPLAINTS

If you would like to file a formal complaint, please follow the procedure set out in our complaints policy. www.boteler.org.uk/school-information/policies



# WHO TO CONTACT: QUICK REFERENCE TABLE

ISSUE	WHO TO CONTACT	HOW?
Any safeguarding concern	Mrs J Chilton, Safeguarding Officer, is in charge of safeguarding	Phone 01925 636414 and ask to speak with Mrs Chilton
Concerns about bullying	Any member of staff. Form tutor will usually be the first port of call, but Heads of Year/Assistant Heads of Year will be able to assist.	somebody in school. Otherwise, please email or phone.
Reporting absence or other queries relating to attendance.	attendance officer, Mr Wilcock will be able to deal with other attendance- related queries.	Main Office number is 01925 636414
		Mr Wilcock can be contacted by the number above or by email at <a href="mailto:dwilcock@boteler.org.uk">dwilcock@boteler.org.uk</a>
Concerns about your child's progress in a particular subject	Department if this does not resolve the issue.	Email is usually the most efficient way to contact teachers. They can always phone you back if necessary. The parent handbook (on the website) has details of Heads of each Department.
Need for information about a particular subject - e.g. the best revision guides to buy or how best to support with homework		Email is usually the most efficient way to contact teachers. They can always phone you back if necessary. The parent handbook (on the website) has details of Heads of each Department.
Concerns about the progress of your child generally - i.e. in more than one subject		Email or phone call.
A complaint about a member of staff	Muckley.  If the complaint is about the Headteacher, it should be	Complaints to the Headteacher should go to Mrs Muckley as PA to the Headteacher <a href="mailto:jmuckley@boteler.org.uk">jmuckley@boteler.org.uk</a> Complaints to the Chair of Governors should be made via Ms Morris <a href="mailto:jmorris@boteler.org.uk">jmorris@boteler.org.uk</a>
	made to the Chair of Governors, via Ms Morris, Clerk to the Governors.	
Concerns about friendship issues	approach, or your child's Head of Year/Assistant Head	We'd hope that the student would be able to approach the Form Tutor themselves but, if they feel unable to, parents can contact members of staff by email or phone.
Queries about 'Show My Homework'	The website has plenty of information about Show My Homework and this should answer most queries. If not, contact Mr Koltan, Senior Assistant Headteacher.	jkoltan@boteler.org.uk
	If it's a query about the specific piece of homework, then the class teacher will be the best person to contact.	
Questions about uniform	The website has details of the uniform policy - for example, in the School Handbook. Heads of Year/Assistant Heads of Year will be able to help.	www.boteler.org.uk
Questions or concerns relating to SEND or DP provision	Mrs Harrison our SEND lead.	aharrison@boteler.org.uk
activities - e.g. times of clubs	areas or the Pastoral Team will be able to help	www.boteler.org.uk
Issues relating to finance - e.g. payment for trips	Please contact Miss Owen, Office Manager, in the first instance.	cowen@boteler.org.uk or 01925 636414
Exam queries - e.g. dates/times of exams	The website has all the information you need but if you have problems, Ms Morris our exams officer will be able to help.	
Term dates	These are available on the website, in the calendar and on the term dates page.	www.boteler.org.uk
Questions about transport/buses	The Pastoral Team or the School Business Manager, Mr Frodsham, will be able to answer most queries	School website - www.boteler.org.uk
Lost property	The Pastoral Team	www.boteler.org.uk
Something that doesn't fit into any of the categories above	Contact reception or The Pastoral Teams and they will direct you to the appropriate person.	Main reception number is 01925 636414



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