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# BEAVER ROAD M20

## Beaver Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the provision in place on the days your child's class teacher takes their Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. It is a statutory requirement that all teachers are given PPA time to help fulfil their role fully. At Beaver Road, on the day your child's class teacher is out of class taking their PPA time; a team of specialist teachers deliver the teaching in class. At present, the PPA teaching team is made up of:

- Mrs Reeve – Specialist Art Teacher
- Mr Cummings – Specialist Music Teacher
- Mr Knowles – Specialist Sports Coach
- Mr Robinson – External Sports Coach (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Only)

Over a fortnight, these teachers teach all children across the school from Nursery to Year 6. Each of the above are highly skilled in their subject and have extensive knowledge and experience within it at both Beaver Road and other settings. In addition to these lessons, children are given opportunities to apply what they have learnt back in class with their class teacher. Starting this term, children will also have the opportunity to develop these skills further by joining one of the clubs Mrs Reeve, Mr Cummings and Mr Knowles will be leading. More details on this can be found on the final page of this letter.

The below table shows the different days each year group have PPA this year. It is on this day your child will have one of their PE lessons so their PE kit must be available in school. Please ensure all children's items are labelled with their names and are in line with what is listed on the school uniform page on our website.

### 2021/22 PPA Timetable

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Year 3	Reception (AM Only)	Year 4 (AM Only)	Year 2

Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	Nursery	Reception (AM Only)	Year 4 (AM Only)	Year 1

## Art & Design



Hello, my name is Mrs. Reeve. I am the Specialist Art teacher at Beaver Road. I trained as a printed textile designer at Winchester School of Art. As a professional artist, I have worked in a wide range of media and have created lots of artwork for galleries and bespoke commissions. Before coming to work at Beaver Road, I taught Art in secondary schools for 16 years. I love teaching Art in the primary setting. Throughout my time at Beaver Road, I have been amazed to see how creative Beaver Road children are and how they master many of the skills, which are often only learnt when they arrive at secondary school. It excites me to think that the art skills, knowledge and the love of art, which they are building at Beaver road, will travel with them to secondary school and beyond.

### **Art provision at Beaver Road**

Our curriculum design provides all children with the opportunities to make rapid and sustained progress from their starting points, builds self-confidence and empowers self-expression. Children are encouraged to appreciate their own and each other's art and to see that everyone is an artist. The children are introduced to a wide range of mediums, materials and techniques as well as learning the skills of painting, drawing, printing, textiles, digital art, and 3D construction throughout their time at Beaver Road. Children learn about great artists, historical and contemporary, as they move through the school. We are very lucky to have a specialist and well equipped art room at the Junior School where the children showcase their many talents.



**Please see below for information on the clubs I will be offering at both the Junior and First School sites. These will be starting from the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

## Music



I'm Mr Cummings and I'm proud to have this amazing opportunity to teach Music at Beaver Road. I am in my 8<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher and have worked in 3 previous schools, in both the suburbs and Manchester city centre, as a class teacher. I am excited that I can now focus my teaching on music and encourage and help develop the musicianship of the children here at school. I have had many years working within the Music industry as a drummer and have been very lucky to have been afforded some amazing experiences through music. Although drums are my first instrument, I can sing, play guitar and also a little Ukelele and Piano.

### **Music offer at Beaver Road**

My role is to ensure the comprehensive teaching of the National Curriculum throughout all year groups. I also oversee the Instrumental Tutors in school, who will continue to come and deliver specific instrument tuition to those children and families who choose to take this opportunity. This provision offers Violin, Brass, Woodwind (Clarinet and Flute) Singing, Guitar and Piano.

During Music lessons with myself, the children will learn the core aspects of music, Listening and Appraising, Singing, Composing and Musicianship in Key Stage 1, with the addition of Performing in Key Stage 2. In our Early Years settings, the children will explore the core areas of the music curriculum, which cover Hearing and Listening, Moving and Dancing, Vocalising and Singing as well as Exploring and Playing. Children will have access to instruments and be provided with the opportunity to play and learn within the whole class setting. Wherever possible, learning will be linked and supportive of other curriculum areas, to have Music integrated in the whole school learning.



**From the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, I will be starting a new school choir on both school sites and look forward to attending some of the amazing events we have already been invited to. For further details on how to join, please see the table below.**

## PE



Hi, my name is Lee Knowles. I have been the specialist sports coach at Beaver Road for 10 years now and I love what I do. I have various qualifications in a variety of different sports but most recently I have graduated with a degree in Sport, Fitness and Management from the Open University. I believe that Physical Education is vital to pupils' development: it allows children to maintain a healthy weight, to develop strength and agility, to develop social and emotional skills and to have a positive, "Can do" attitude.

### PE Curriculum

At Beaver Road your child will develop their knowledge and skills in all areas of PE. Dance and Gymnastics is taught by your child's class teacher. They will deliver either Dance or Gymnastics every week which will alternate each half term. The games side to PE is taught by myself. I have a great passion for all sports and always looking at ways to improve my teaching. Your child will access various sports throughout their time at Beaver Road including, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Dodgeball, Athletics, Handball, Health Related Fitness and Tag Rugby.

### Inter School Sport

We believe that the opportunities provided to pupils at Beaver Road are excellent. Competitively, children have the chance to compete in 17 different sports across the year. In order to give more children the opportunity to compete, I will always try and enter two teams for each competition. We have been very successful over the years winning many competitions and bringing trophies back to school to showcase them to all of our other children.



### Multi-Sports After School Club

This term, Multi-Sports with Mr Knowles will begin from the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Multi-Sports is a school approved club for children of all ages and abilities. It is delivered in school, by school staff and exclusively for children of Beaver Road. As the club does not just focus solely on one sport, children are exposed to a range of skills that they are also able to apply in the wider school curriculum. Understanding the impact of the national lockdowns over the last twelve months on children's mental health and wellbeing, Multi-Sports sessions have now been reviewed and have a greater emphasis on children's social skills, including being part of a team and resiliency. Over the years, Multi-Sports has been hugely successful and highly rated by children of all ages who attend. As this is a school led club, all children will be asked to change into their school PE Kit before being collected from their classes at the end of the school day.



Please note we anticipate all sessions to be in high demand and may need to introduce a waiting list if necessary. To book your child a place on any of the below sessions, please do so on Parent Pay where you are also able to pay any upfront costs, if required. We endeavour to give all children who wish to join these clubs the opportunity to do so, and if needed we will limit the number of clubs your child can attend. If your child secures a place on any of the clubs listed for the term ahead, you will be made aware of this via School Spider in advance of the sessions starting.



<b>Multi-Sports</b>			
The cost of Multi-Sports is <b>£4.00 per session</b> and we ask that all sessions be paid for via Parent Pay on a termly basis in advance of your child starting. There is no charge for those children who are identified as Pupil Premium – If your child is eligible for this, please speak to Mrs Gibbs at the Main Office who will book your child on. If numbers surpass the number of children we can safely accommodate this half term, there will be an opportunity at the start of the next half term for new children to join and any charges paid to your account will be rolled over automatically.			
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Timings</b>
Reception	First School	Monday	3:20pm – 4:30pm
Year 1	First School	Tuesday	3:20pm – 4:30pm
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	Junior School	Thursday	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Year 2 & Year 3	First School	Friday	3:20pm – 4:30pm

<b>Art Club</b>			
To cover the cost of the materials and resources needed to carry out this club, there is a charge of <b>£2.00 per session</b> and we ask that all sessions be paid for via Parent Pay on a termly basis in advance of your child starting. There is no charge for those children who are identified as Pupil Premium – If your child is eligible for this, please speak to Mrs Gibbs at the Main Office who will book your child on. If numbers surpass the number of children we can safely accommodate this half term, there will be an opportunity at the start of the next half term for new children to join and any charges paid to your account will be rolled over automatically.			
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Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Junior School	Monday	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Year 1, Year 2, Year 3	First School	Tuesday	3:20pm – 4:20pm

<b>Music: Choir</b>			
There is no charge for children to join the school choir, although donations are welcome. Over the year, children will be invited to attend many events some of which may need parent support. Children performing at these events will need a school choir polo shirt, which can be purchased from school for £10.			
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Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Junior School	Monday	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Year 1, Year 2, Year 3	First School	Thursday	3:20pm – 4:20pm

As Mrs Hardy mentioned in her newsletter at the beginning of the term, we are currently in the process of planning for a range of new clubs to start at Beaver Road. These are in addition to the above and will be organised and delivered by our class teachers and some support staff who have volunteered their time either after school or across lunchtimes. The details of these clubs will be communicated with you as they become available.

If you have any further questions or queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Davenport  
Deputy Headteacher

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