

6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Welcome back

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Bowling Green Academy – we have certainly been blessed with good weather for our return to school! I have heard so many stories of day trips, holidays and exciting activities (new pets, new babies, new homes!) over the holidays. I hope you and your extended families have enjoyed your weeks together.

First, a huge welcome to our new children and families. We have a lovely, confident new Reception class who are, quite simply, *gorgeous!* The children are already making themselves at home and exploring our school. We also have several new staff members, as shared previously – please do introduce yourselves as they join our Bowling Green community.

A new school year is a chance to us to celebrate our achievements as a school and also to look forward to our future – to ensure we are constantly improving. All schools have improvement priorities for the year and I always enjoy updating you all on our successes with each new term. This year, we are focusing on:

1. Enhancing children's character through aspirational figures and experiences
2. Developing our 'creative' offer with exciting new Art and Design Technology (DT) curriculums
3. Raising the tenacity to tackle challenge for all children.

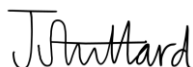
I hope you will agree – it sounds like an exciting year at Bowling Green!

As I am sure you will remember, we had a two-day Ofsted inspection just before the summer holidays. I have celebrated before how complimentary our two inspectors were about our children's attitudes and behaviour, and about our staff, and hope that I can share Bowling Green's report with you very soon. Unfortunately, the school holidays has skewed usual report timeframes a little but please know that I am excited for you to read our report!

Last year, we focused lots of attention on school clubs. Our extra-curricular club offer for Autumn 1 is below. External links are provided where necessary and all others are to book now via Arbor. Reception children will be able to access more clubs next term.

Day	Club(s)
Monday	1 - Gymnastics (Year 1 – Year 3) – Mr Jake Smith (£2)
Tuesday	2 - Football (Year 3 – Year 6) – Mr Brandon Sargerson (free)
Wednesday	3 - Multi-Sports (Year 1 – Year 2) – Mr Brandon Sargerson (free) 4 - Choir (Year 2 – Year 6) – Calderdale Music Trust (£2)
Thursday	5 - Lego Club (Year 1 – Year 2) – Ms Ruth Eatherley (£1)
Friday	6 - Multi-Sports (Year 3 – Year 6) – Mr Jake Sports ( <a href="#">external link</a> ) 7 - Arts Club (whole school) – Jumping Clay ( <a href="#">external link</a> )

As ever, thank you for your continued support for everything at Bowling Green. Here's to a wonderful year at school – full of positivity, hard work and friendships.



Jamie Stuttard, Principal