

# BRYANSTON

## **A to Z of Bryanston for new parents**

### **Bicycles**

Bicycles should be in good working order and must have your child's name painted clearly on the frame. A good padlock should also be provided. We would recommend that you insure your child's bicycle. Helmets must always be worn when riding bicycles.

### **Bryanston Parents' Association (BPA)**

All Bryanston parents are automatically members and a subscription is collected termly with school fees. Our role is to provide grants for extraordinary projects, for ECAs (Extra Curricular Activities) and to enhance links between parents during the school year. We are headed by a committee of parents, with representatives from across the year groups, as well as parents who are also teaching staff. We meet at the start of each term to allocate grants and to organise social and informative events for parents.

Our drinks receptions enable parents to get to know other Bryanston parents from their children's year groups and to build a network of contacts and friends, just as the pupils do at school. It is not only social events that we organise. The BPA arranges annual talks on informative topics such as Internet and social media safety issues, the teenage brain, drugs and alcohol. We also offer a very inspiring and popular Parenting Teenagers Workshop, which gives advice on the challenges faced whilst raising teenagers. All of which parents are most welcome to attend. Visit the BPA page on the School website to find out more about the BPA and to contact us if you wish to become involved.

### **Beyond Bryanston**

As a new parent at Bryanston you become a member of Beyond Bryanston together with all former pupils, former and current parents, staff and governors and friends of the School. For more information on Beyond Bryanston, visit the School website.

### **Cars**

Pupils are not allowed to drive cars when based at School, nor may they be driven in cars by anyone under the age of 21.

### **Calendar**

At the beginning of each term a copy of the School calendar will be sent to you, and your child will be given their own copy. The calendar is available online on the school website.

### **Church Services**

Christian inspiration and Christian ideals are fundamental to the Bryanston philosophy, but the School recognises that pupils may come from homes which follow other faiths or have no strong religious affiliation. Church attendance is therefore voluntary. On most Sundays, pupils have a choice between an assembly in the Coade Hall, with an address by a visiting speaker, and a celebration of the Eucharist in the School church, St Martin's. Visit the Chaplaincy webpages on the school website for more information and details of church services.

### **Directions and campus map**

Bryanston is located approximately 24 miles south-west of Salisbury and 14 miles north-west of Poole, just outside the Georgian market town of Blandford in Dorset. Please try to avoid Blandford town centre. It is very busy, and has a one-way system so it is very easy to get lost! Detailed directions and a campus map are available online on the School website.

### **Eating out**

Sixth form pupils (A3 and A2) are able to visit certain restaurants and public houses on Saturday evenings, and sometimes on Sunday lunchtimes, in order to have a meal and to consume a limited amount of certain types of alcohol. For further information on this, please refer to the Bryanston School: Permission to Eat Out on Saturday Evening or Sunday Lunch form and the Bryanston School Policy on Alcohol.

### **Exeats and weekends**

As a seven-day-a-week boarding school, it is Bryanston policy to make the weekends full and interesting. Find out more about the types of weekends at Bryanston and recreational activities available to pupils on the Weekend Programme section of the School website.

### **Fire procedures**

These are outlined in the 'Useful Information' leaflet available online.

### **Guardians**

Parents who live abroad, or spend much of their time out of the country, are required to provide the School with the name and address of a Guardian in this country who can accept responsibility for the pupil, including at weekends and Exeats, during any period of illness, suspension from school, or school closure, and also for travel arrangements. Please provide as many contact details as possible, including mobile phone numbers.

### **Lockable boxes (known as tuck boxes)**

If your child is joining us in D (Year 9) or C (Year 10), we strongly advise you to buy a lockable box for them to keep their personal possessions in, such as laptop, iPod, mobile phone etc. These are often referred to as a 'Tuck Box' and can be bought online or from the School Shop.

### **Money for other things**

There are occasions when you will need to send additional money, for example for travel and possible overnight accommodation for a university open day or interview. It may be worth buying a railcard as this will save money on travel expenses.

If your child would like to buy an expensive item such as clothing or sports equipment they will need to gain specific permission to do so. You would be able to discuss this with your child's Housemaster/mistress (Hsm).

Please note that you will be billed separately at the end of each term for travel on school coaches.

### **Motorcycles**

It is against the School rules for pupils to ride motorcycles.

### **Mouthguards**

Your child is likely to be taking part in rugby or hockey during the next academic year and, following the advice of the Rugby Football Union and England Hockey, we strongly recommend that all pupils participating in these sports should be fitted with a custom mouthguard. OPRO, a dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will visit the school within the first few weeks of term in the Medical Centre. This will give everyone, including wearers of fixed braces, the opportunity to have a dentally fitted mouthguard at a reasonable cost. If your child already has a mouthguard please check if it still fits, as this is an important factor in the effectiveness of a mouthguard.

If you would like to take advantage of this service please place your order direct with OPRO [online](http://www.opro.com) or by phone, remembering to state your child is a Bryanston pupil and will be fitted at a school visit. To view a full selection of designs and prices please visit [www.opro.com](http://www.opro.com). Payment for the mouthguard will be charged to your school bill.

For orders and any queries you may have, please deal directly with OPRO.

**Parental absences**

If you're going to be away from home for any significant period of time (e.g. two or three days or more), please inform your child's Hsm and provide them with an emergency/fallback contact. In any event, please provide them with as many contact details as possible, including mobile phone numbers.

**Parties**

The School will not agree to parties during term time and seeks the support of parents in not organising/facilitating such events.

**Pocket Money**

Due to the rural location of Bryanston your child may not always be able to access a cash machine. Additional sums are required to cover cash expenditure on travel and sundry items. You will receive a letter from your child's Hsm in the summer holidays prior to your child joining Bryanston with specific details of how pocket money is handled in your child's house.

**Policies**

Bryanston school policies are available to view on the School website under 'Policy Documents'.

**Reading List for D pupils**

See the recommended reading list on the school website at [www.bryanston.co.uk/newparents](http://www.bryanston.co.uk/newparents).

**Riding**

Pupils at Bryanston have the opportunity to ride. School horses are available for weekly use by pupils who do not have their own. Riding is considered to be an extra-curricular activity, where a pupil can learn from and enjoy their equestrian experience, whether it be an educational lesson, a hack or more specified training towards competitive riding. Pupils with their own horses on full livery may choose riding as their sport option and train with their own horses several times a week. Visit the equestrian page on the School website for further details.

**Rules and Regulations**

These are available on the school website under the policy page, [www.bryanston.co.uk/newparents](http://www.bryanston.co.uk/newparents) and in the Parent Area of the School website.

**School Coaches**

Parents may book coach services to and from Bryanston at the beginning and end of terms, half terms and on exeat weekends. Timetables and details of services are available on the website at [www.bryanston.co.uk/coaches](http://www.bryanston.co.uk/coaches).

