



Bourne End E-ACT Academy
Your questions answered

We know that parents are likely to have practical questions about the transfer to Bourne End E-ACT Academy.

With this in mind, we have collated the most common questions that we have been asked about the transfer in recent months.

As always, if you have any further questions or if you would like more information on a particular topic, please do not hesitate to get in touch with principal transition lead and deputy headteacher Miss Leavy using the email address kerri-anne.leavy@e-act.org.uk.

Uniform

What uniform does my child need for Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

Your child must be wearing Bourne End E-ACT Academy uniform on the first day of term, Monday 9 September 2019. Your child will have already tried on their new uniform as part of uniform swap including an academy blazer, tie, PE shirt and PE hoodie. All other items can be purchased from high street retailers.

What will happen to the old Burnham Park E-ACT Academy uniform?

Uniforms will be donated to Libala Secondary School in Lusaka, Zambia. We are linked to the school, and students there are keen to make use of our uniform.

My child may grow over the summer holidays. Can I exchange the uniform in September for a larger size?

You can. Simply contact Bourne End E-ACT Academy reception staff.

Location

Where is Bourne End E-ACT Academy located?

Bourne End E-ACT Academy is located just six miles from Burnham Park E-ACT Academy in the Wycombe district of Buckinghamshire. To drive between both academies takes approximately 15 minutes.

Admissions

When will my child start at Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

Your child's first day at Bourne End E-ACT Academy will be Monday 9 September 2019.

What do I need to do to ensure that my child can transfer to Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

Your child's files will be automatically transferred to Bourne End E-ACT Academy. Admissions forms will however need to be completed to ensure all records are up to date.

I also have a child at primary school. What do I need to do if I want them to join their sibling at Bourne End E-ACT Academy in the future?

As a trust, we are guaranteeing places to siblings at Bourne End E-ACT Academy. You can apply for a place through your local authority using the standard admissions process.



Transportation

Where will the coach to Bourne End collect students from?

The coach will collect students from Burnham Park E-ACT Academy at 7.45am and will drop them back at the academy at 3.50pm.

Will there be a later coach for students attending after-school clubs?

A late afternoon coach is scheduled to depart Bourne End at 4.10pm, arriving in Burnham at around 4.45pm.

What if my child misses the coach?

We ask that every effort is made to ensure that your child is ready to board the coach at 7.45am. If however it becomes apparent that your child is likely to miss the coach, parents must contact Bourne End E-ACT Academy reception staff to discuss alternative arrangements.

Will the students be supervised on the coach?

A member of staff will register every student as they board the coach and will remain on board for the duration of the journey.

Furthermore, our chosen coach company has experience of working with schools and academies.

How can my child get to Bourne End E-ACT Academy using public transportation?

From Burnham Station, it's a seven-minute train journey to Maidenhead and then a 10-minute train journey to Bourne End. Bourne End train station is a 10-minute walk from the academy.

By bus, your child can take bus route 4 to Maidenhead town centre and then bus route 37 to Bourne End.

Is there anywhere for my child to keep a bicycle at the coach pick up and drop off point?

There will be bicycle racks available, however, please note that these will not be supervised during the day.

What happens if my child is taken ill during the day?

The same process as at Burnham Park E-ACT Academy will be followed. It remains the parents' responsibility to collect their child from Bourne End if required. Individual circumstances will naturally be taken into consideration.



Staff

How many members of staff from Burnham Park E-ACT Academy are transferring to Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

There are 16 members of teaching staff and 16 professional services staff joining Bourne End E-ACT Academy from Burnham Park E-ACT Academy.

Will my child have the same form tutor and head of year?

Whilst all Burnham Park E-ACT academy staff have been offered positions at Bourne End E-ACT Academy, your child may not have the same form tutor or head of year. However, the teaching and pastoral set up at Bourne End E-ACT Academy is very similar to that of Burnham Park's, and your child will be surrounded by familiar faces on both the student and staff body.

Student numbers

How many students from Burnham Park E-ACT Academy will be transferring to Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

The 118 Burnham Park students in Years 7-10 have been given the option to transfer to Bourne End E-ACT Academy in September 2019. There is no guarantee that all of these places will be taken up, however, a summary to illustrate how 118 Burnham Park students would affect form size at Bourne End is provided below:

Year 7 21 BP students which equates to roughly four additional students per form.

Year 8 16 BP students which equates to roughly three additional students per form.

Year 9 42 BP students which equates to roughly nine additional students per form.

Year 10 39 BP students which equates to roughly eight additional students per form.

How many students are there at Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

There will be over 600 students at Bourne End E-ACT Academy from September. The academy has both the physical space and the capacity within every year group to offer places to Burnham Park E-ACT Academy students.



Catering

Will my child still be eligible for free school meals at Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

In short, yes. Eligibility for free school meals is determined by parents' personal circumstances and not the academy or school your child attends. Your child's entitlement to free school meals will simply carry across to Bourne End, so you do not need to do anything beforehand.

How can my child buy lunch at Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

Like at Burnham Park, Bourne End E-ACT Academy also has ParentPay in place. Students can order their lunch at the academy restaurant from menus that include vegan, vegetarian and halal options.

Parental involvement

How often are parents' evenings at Bourne End E-ACT Academy?

Parents can arrange meetings with teachers whenever the need arises. However, scheduled parents' evenings take place at the following times:

Year 7 one tutor evening at the beginning of the academic year and one subject evening later in the academic year.

Year 8 one tutor evening at the beginning of the academic year and one subject evening later in the academic year.

Year 9 and 10 one subject evening per academic year.

Year 11-13 two subject evenings per academic year.

How can parents get more involved with the academy?

Bourne End E-ACT Academy's Ambassadorial Advisory Group (AAG) is very active in academy life, and they are always on the lookout for new members. AAGs meet once per term and have at least two parent ambassadors elected to the group. They work closely with headteachers, regional and national staff as well as our trustees, and focus on the four Cs of communication, celebration, concerns and community.

Sixth form

Does Bourne End E-ACT Academy have a sixth form?

It does. The sixth form offers a wide-range of A level and BTEC courses, all of which are detailed on the academy website.



Important dates

Bourne End E-ACT Academy term dates

Autumn term begins

Monday 9th September 2019

Autumn half term

Monday 28 October 2019 –
Friday 1 November 2019

Autumn term ends

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Spring term begins

Tuesday 7 January 2020

Spring half term

Monday 17 February 2020 –
Friday 21 February 2020

Spring term ends

Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term begins

Monday 20 April 2020

Summer half term

Monday 25 May 2020 –
Friday 29 May 2020

End of summer term

Friday 17 July 2020

Contact

Who should I contact if I have any further questions?

You can contact our principal transition lead and deputy headteacher Kerri-Anne Leavy with any questions using the email address kerri-anne.leavy@e-act.org.uk.



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