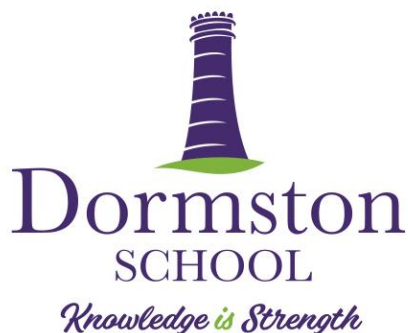


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July 2023



ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope your child had a successful induction at Dormston and look forward to them joining us in September.

Year 7 Day – Tuesday 5th September

On this day, school will be open to Year 7 students only as an introduction to Year 7. Students need to bring their bag, equipment, drink and healthy snack for break (see lunchtime arrangements below). ***Pupils also need to bring a pair of trainers in their bag which they will be instructed to change into if it is appropriate to the activity.***

Summer Reading Challenge

Your child received a Summer Reading Challenge 2023 log during Induction Day. We would like them to record in this log, all the books they read in full during the summer break. They may write book reviews or record their thoughts about the books too. Full details are on the back of the Summer Reading Log. Your child should take their completed Summer Reading Log and book reviews to Mrs Ellsmore in the PLC by Monday 18th September. Reading for pleasure is possibly the single most important activity your child can do to improve achievement in school. Please can we therefore ask for your support by encouraging your child to take part and read during the summer break to ensure their reading skills don't dip.

Arrival and Departure

Children should arrive at Dormston for 8.40am and enter through the atrium doors at the main entrance where they will be met by staff.

The school day will end at 3.10pm. Students will leave via the atrium doors. Please note there is no car parking at the front of school.

Catering - Break/ Lunch

On Tuesday 5th September, pupils will need to bring a **drink** (water or squash) and a '**healthy snack**' (must **not contain nuts**) for break time.

At lunchtime, pupils **will be provided with a meal in our school canteen**. This meal will consist of a meal deal with a variety of choices. If you haven't yet returned our new student form, which enables you to detail any allergies and medical needs please be sure to do this as soon as possible. All food will be clearly labelled with any allergens. If you have any queries or concerns in relation to this then please email info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk. Alternatively, your child may bring a packed lunch with them (food containing nuts must not be brought into school).

Where consent was provided, your child's fingerprints will be taken on September 5th September to allow them to access their dinner money via the tills and ParentPay from Wednesday 6th September. Where consent is not provided an individual lunch card will be issued. Children at Dormston are not allowed home at lunchtime.



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From Wednesday 6th September children can choose to bring a small snack for break, and a packed lunch **or purchase** something from our canteen (please ensure you have added money to their account via ParentPay). Here at Dormston we offer students a variety of both hot and cold food options. We have our own inhouse catering team who are always working to create healthy, balanced choices. There is a three week rolling menu that is updated seasonally. Please visit our website <https://dormston.dudley.sch.uk/year-6-transition/> where you will find sample menus, prices and allergen information. We currently offer a meal deal which includes a main meal (hot counter/sandwich/bagiette) and a home bake, yogurt or fruit pot for £2.50.

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals these will be made available on the day. When your child joins us in September free school meals currently applied for through Dudley MBC will automatically continue. If you live outside of the Dudley Borough you will need to re-apply via Dudley MBC's Free School Meals Team. If you wish to apply please go to <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>.

If you need any further information please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01384 814988 or by emailing freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk.

Please be aware that the free school meal allowances are allocated on a daily basis and therefore if food is not purchased on one day, the value cannot be transferred or accumulated for a day later in the week. Additional information to clarify the provision for free school meal children can be found via our website.

Uniform

Please see attached uniform poster. Pupils first full PE lesson will take place on Thursday 7th September and therefore pupils will need to bring their PE kit to school with them on this day. Pupils will then be able to check their timetable that will be issued on Wednesday 6th September for their future PE lesson days. As stated above, on Tuesday 5th September pupils need to bring a pair of trainers in their bag to change into for any activities that require this but do not need to bring their full PE kit on this day.

Welcome to Year 7 Parents Evening

This will take place on Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm. The Head of Year 7, Mr Cooksey, and the Year 7 Tutors will be there on this evening to discuss an overview of the year ahead and how you can support your child in this crucial year. We hope that you will all be able to attend this important evening.

Year 7 Photos

Year 7 photo day is Thursday 14th September. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to purchase these photos after this date.

We hope this letter has answered any queries, however if you still have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. We would like to wish you all a very well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing our new Year 7 pupils in September.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs A Beer
Year 7 Strategy Leader

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Mr S Cooksey
Head of Year 7