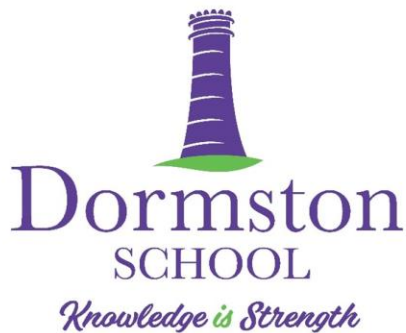


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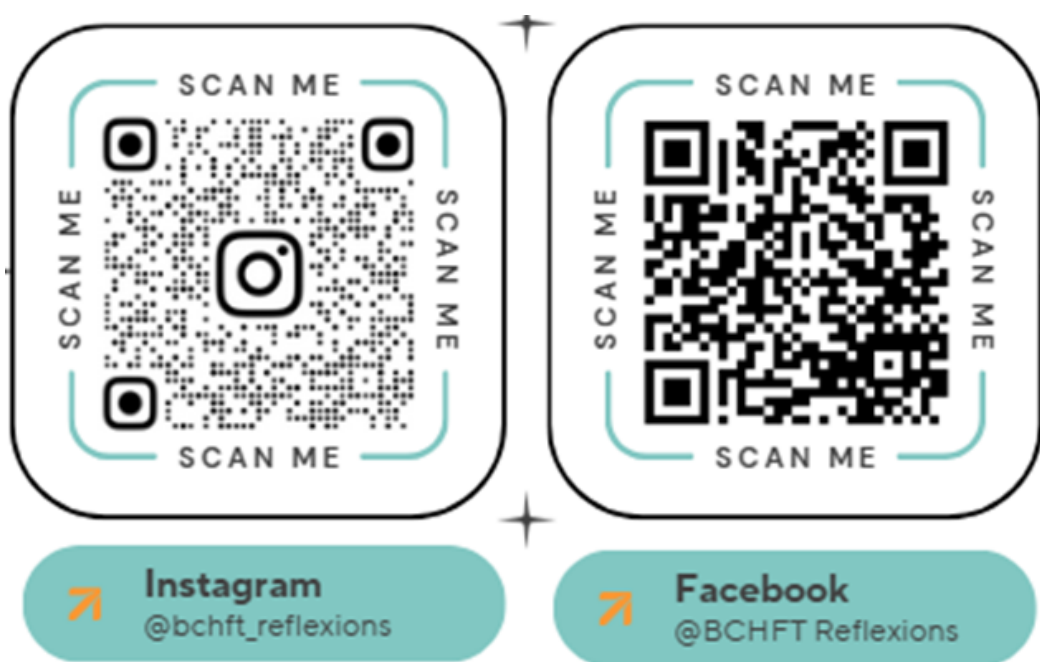
ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer break, filled with opportunities to relax and make happy memories.

As your child starts with us here at Dormston School I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as they transition from primary to secondary school. Hopefully this won't be too difficult as they have settled in well so far. It's been a busy first few days for them. They have, of course, received their timetables and should by now experienced the full curriculum on offer in Year 7. In assemblies we have discussed our Core Values and expectations. We have also had Katie Lawley in from Reflexions to talk about how they can support their own well-being, mental health and resilience. Please find below QR codes that link to further information on the work Reflexions do both in and outside of school. If you require any additional guidance on how to support your child's well-being, please visit our school website - safeguarding tab – that has links to other organisations there to support parents/carers and young people.



As you are aware we are having some technical issues with ParentPay and Go4Schools. You should now all be able to log into Go4Schools as a Parent/Carer with the information provided. We are just awaiting Go4Schools to address the log on of pupils, which is unfortunately impacting on ParentPay. Until this is corrected we are asking that pupils bring a snack/drink (not fizzy) with them for breaktime. At lunchtime they will receive a hot/cold meal from school via the Dining Hall or they can bring their own pack lunch so no need to worry about dinner money yet. As soon as this is sorted school will be in touch. I really do thank you for your patience and understanding over this as it is frustrating for all concerned.



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Key dates for Year 7:

- **Monday 6th October 2025** - Year 7 settling in evening (targeted pupils will be invited to attend after the event for meetings to support transition from primary school);
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** - Dormston School Open Evening;
- **Wednesday 12th November 2025** - Year 7 Theatre Trip: 'ELF' - Wolverhampton Grand Theatre;
- **Thursday 27th November 2025** - Saltmine Theatre performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' – In school;
- **Thursday 8th January 2026** - Anti-Bullying week 'Bully for You'. Performance in school by Loudmouth Theatre Company;
- **Thursday 5th February 2026** - Year 7 Parents Evening – Face to Face;
- **Monday 23rd March 2026** - Black Country Living Museum Trip - Year 7 Dormston Promise Trip;
- **Week Commencing 13th July 2026** - Reward Activities - Whole school.

Attendance and Punctuality:

As you are aware Attendance to school is very important and embedding good habits in Year 7 is essential. This will ensure pupils have the best support network in place for when they reach Year 11 and need to prepare for their GCSE's. In my last assembly I discussed this with pupils and the importance of being punctual and attending school. Our goal is for every student to aim for 100% attendance and to maintain a minimum of 97% by the end of Summer term. While occasional absences, due to illness, are understandable, minor ailments (such as a cough, cold, or sore throat) should not prevent students from attending school. Please encourage your child/ren to be resilient and attend school whenever possible, even if they are experiencing minor disruptions.

May I also remind you that your child must be on time for school and in form for 8.40am prompt. Ideally onsite from around 8:30am. If there is a reason they may be late, please email me on scooksey@dormston.dudley.sch.uk. Due to the government's increased priority on punctuality, detentions will be in place if your child does not arrive until after 9.00am. If they do not attend until after 9.30am, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session. We have to comply with government standards and implement these school changes. As a school we strongly support the notion that punctuality and attendance is vital to your child's success.

Thank you for your patience and support and I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th October.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Cooksey
(Year Leader - Year 7)