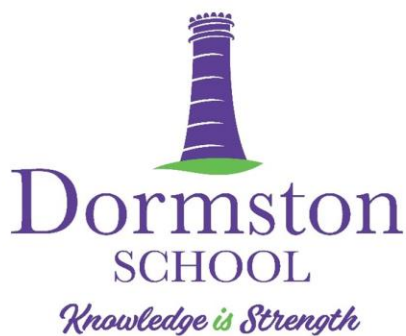


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ALL YEAR 8 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful year it has been working with our Year 8 pupils and their families. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. The positive partnership between home and school is incredibly important and we are very grateful for the support you have given us.

We are already looking forward to an exciting year ahead as pupils move into Year 9. I am pleased to confirm that the Year Team will remain the same, providing pupils with consistency and allowing the positive relationships we have developed this year to continue to blossom. The team will consist of:

- **Mrs Williams - Year Leader** (cwilliams@dormston.dudley.sch.uk);
- **Miss Lines - Deputy Year Leader** (ilines@dormston.dudley.sch.uk);
- **Miss Cooke - Pastoral Support** (rcooke@dormston.dudley.sch.uk).

Year 9 is an important and exciting year. One of the main events will be the options process, as pupils begin making important choices about their future GCSE subjects. We will also be selecting our new Student Leadership Team, providing pupils with opportunities to take on additional responsibilities and contribute positively to our school community towards the end of the academic year.

Mobile Phones

The Government issued new statutory guidance, which came into effect on 29th June, to help schools create calm, safe and focused learning environments by restricting mobile phone use during the school day.

While mobile phones may be useful before and after school, they can disrupt learning, reduce concentration, increase the risk of bullying and online conflict, and make safeguarding more difficult. In line with this guidance, mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day, unless a member of staff has given permission for a specific educational or medical reason. As the school has a confiscation policy, any mobile phone seen or heard during the school day may be confiscated in line with school procedures. This helps to keep lessons focused and pupils engaged in their learning.

We ask parents and carers to support this expectation by discussing it with their child at home. We also ask that parents and carers do not contact pupils directly on their mobile phones or answer calls from them during the school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the school's main reception, and a message will be passed on. Likewise, if a pupil needs to contact home, they should go to reception or speak to a member of staff.

Working together and maintaining a consistent approach will help us create a positive environment where pupils can learn, socialise and thrive. We greatly appreciate your support with this important expectation.

Pupil Passes and Medical Evidence

Please be aware that any current pupil passes will need to be reviewed for the new academic year and will not automatically remain valid. Where a pass is required for medical reasons, we ask that up-to-date medical evidence is provided.



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This can be emailed directly to me or sent to info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk so that the appropriate support can be considered and put in place.

We want all pupils to have a fresh start in September. We will continue to evaluate individual situations as they develop and will always be willing to provide appropriate support where necessary.

Getting GCSE Ready

Year 9 is an important stage in your child's education as we begin preparing pupils for the expectations of GCSE study. We want every pupil to have high expectations of themselves and to be ready to achieve their very best.

To support this, pupils will be expected to:

- arrive at school and lessons on time;
- attend school regularly;
- bring the correct equipment every day;
- maintain high standards of behaviour and effort;
- take responsibility for their learning and choices.

Attendance will continue to be a key priority. There is a strong link between good attendance, academic progress and attainment. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities and missed days can quickly add up. We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school whenever they are well enough to do so. If a pupil becomes unwell during the school day, we can assess the situation and contact home where necessary.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and enjoyable summer break. I hope you have a fabulous time, enjoy the opportunity to rest and recharge, and make some wonderful memories together. We very much look forward to welcoming your child back in September, refreshed and ready for an exciting fresh start in Year 9.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Williams

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Year Leader