

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Welcome back to everyone! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer. A very special welcome of course goes to our NEW Year 7 students and their parents/carers. Just so you know, this is our Weekly Bulletin which comes out every Friday and keeps you in the loop with all things Dormston, so please do take the time to read it each week if you possibly can!

It's been a short, but great first week back and term has got off to a fantastic start! Year 7 have settled in really well and are getting to grips with finding their way around school.

We have held Reset Assemblies this week with all year groups where we have set the tone for the year ahead.

Just a reminder of the names of your child's Year Leader/Deputy Year Leader:

- Year 7 - Mr Cooksey, Year 7 Year Leader & Mrs Garrett, Year 7 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 8 - Mr P Amos, Year 8 Year Leader & Mr Richardson Year 8 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 9 - Mrs Williams, Year 9 Year Leader & Miss Lines, Acting Year 9 Deputy Year Leader
- Year 10 - Mr Wilkes, Year 10 Year Leader & Miss Smith/Mr Stanley, Year 10 Pastoral Links;
- Year 11 - Mrs Downie, Year 11 Year Leader & Mrs Mescam Year 11 Strategic Lead.

Congratulations of course go to all our previous Year 11 students on their GCSEs. It was great to see them all for one last time on Thursday 20 August 2026 when they came to collect their results. We wish them all the very best of luck with their next steps.

Please remember that there is now New Statutory Guidance regarding Mobile Phones in Schools that was shared with you before we broke up for the summer. Please see our update section for further details about this important new legislation.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Spelling Bee - WC 7 September 2026;
- Welcome to Year 11 Evening - Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 6pm in the Theatre.
- Year 10 Work Experience Launch Meeting - Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 6pm.

- Breakfast club open to all year groups from Monday 7th September from 8.15am every day.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Wex Letter.

Updates

Mobile Phones in School: New Statutory Guidance

The government issued statutory guidance that 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.

Mobile phones may be useful before and after school, but 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 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 keep lessons focused and pupils engaged.

We ask parents/carers to support this expectation by speaking with your child at home. We also ask parents and carers never to communicate with students or answer their calls during the school day. This expectation has been written into our home-school agreement for next academic year. Working together helps us maintain a positive environment where pupils can learn, socialise and thrive.



Department
for Education

Statutory guidance
Mobile phones in schools
Updated 29 June 2026

Applies to England

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This guidance became statutory on 29 June 2026.

Confiscated if Seen
It's the law

Prohibiting the use of mobile phones in school

This means from when you come into school, until **you have left through the main exit**.

Staff will enforce this during tutor time, at the start of each lesson and at the end of the day.

All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only.

All schools must have a [behaviour policy](#) that is aligned with the school's legal duties and standards relating to the welfare of children. This is essential in establishing and maintaining high standards of behaviour ensuring that the school is a calm and safe environment for all pupils and staff. As part of this policy, schools should develop a mobile phone policy that prohibits the use of mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example, the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video) throughout the school day, including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.