

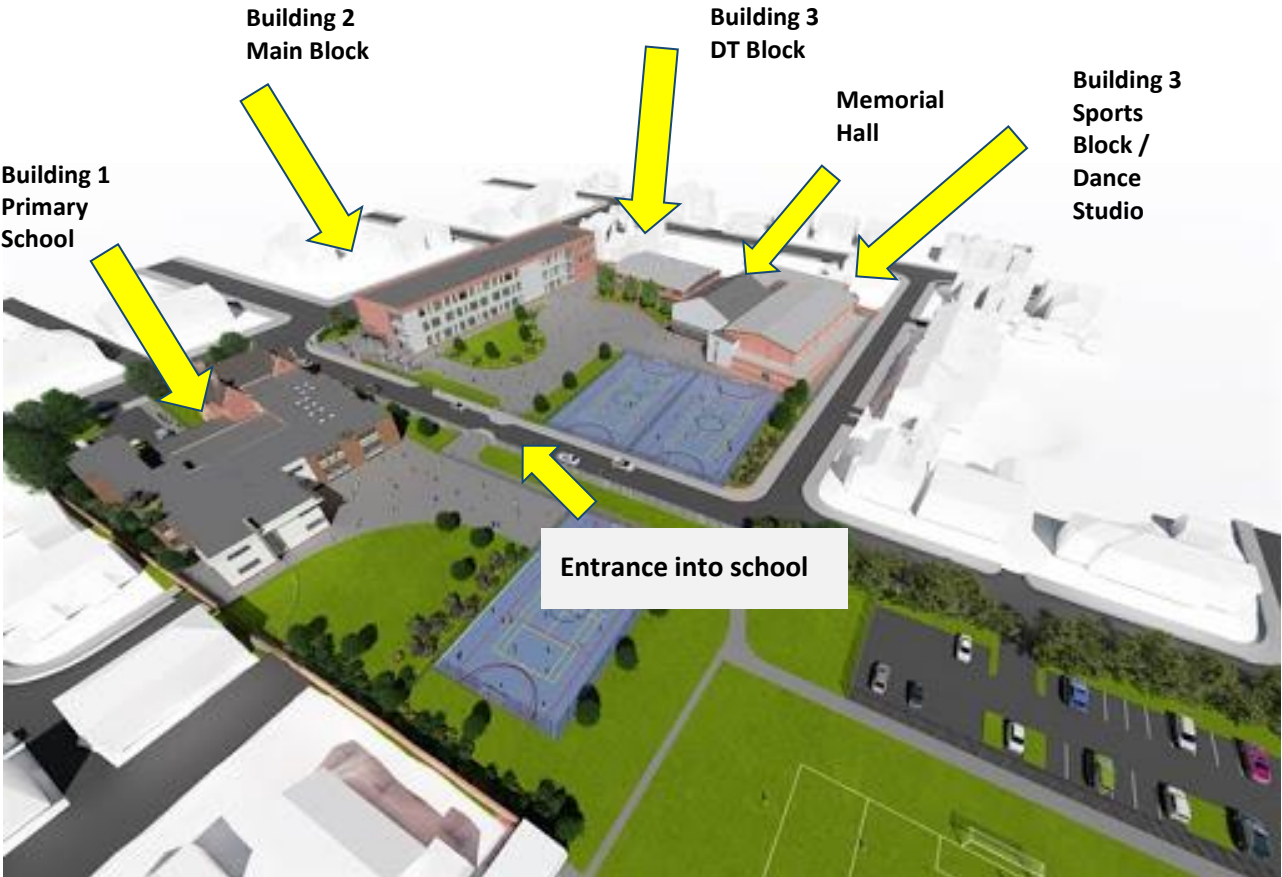
# Starting At Armfield Academy

September 2021

An Academy to be proud of

Armfield Academy might look a little different from your primary school.

Here is a map of your new school:



We have 3 main buildings.

The main building is where most of your subjects will be taught.



There is also the DT block (for art, computer science, and design and technology lessons):



And there is also the PE and Music block:



You will have to wear the Armfield Academy school uniform.



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Items marked with * to be purchased from:													
<p><b>1st Class Kids</b></p> <p>106 – 108 Highfield Road Blackpool FY4 2JF Tel: 01253 403798</p>	<p><b>Opening Hours:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Monday</td><td>10.00am – 5.00pm</td></tr> <tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>10.00am – 5.00pm</td></tr> <tr><td>Wednesday</td><td>10.00am – 2.00pm</td></tr> <tr><td>Thursday</td><td>10.00am – 5.00pm</td></tr> <tr><td>Friday</td><td>10.00am – 5.00pm</td></tr> <tr><td>Saturday</td><td>10.00am – 4.00pm</td></tr> </table>	Monday	10.00am – 5.00pm	Tuesday	10.00am – 5.00pm	Wednesday	10.00am – 2.00pm	Thursday	10.00am – 5.00pm	Friday	10.00am – 5.00pm	Saturday	10.00am – 4.00pm
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At Armfield Academy, you get a break which lasts 15 minutes and a lunch break that lasts for 30 minutes.

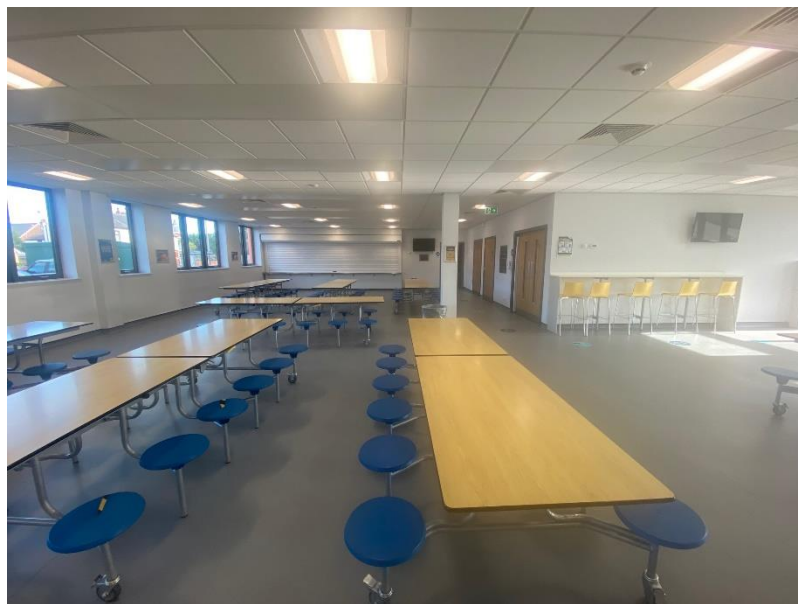
You may spend your break and lunches in the canteen, in the memorial hall or outside.

There will always be teachers on duty if you have any worries or need to ask a question.

The canteen is supervised and serves hot and cold food and drinks. You will need to pay for these at the tills using your **Student Code** which takes money off your account.

Money can be added to your account by your parents or by putting money into the machine located in the canteen.

During your break and lunch, your teacher would prefer you to use the toilet, but of course if it is absolutely necessary your teacher will allow you to use it during the lesson.



You will be given a personal timetable.

You will need to know your timetable as it tells you; what lessons you have, what teachers you have, where the lesson are, and the time they start.

Here is an example of a timetable:



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Reg	Rg DBR 2016	Rg DBR 2016	Rg DBR 2016	Rg DBR 2016	Rg DBR 2016
1	Hu SWI 2020	Fr ARO 2021	En KLE 2015	Sc DW/2108	Sc DW/2108
2	Sc DW/2108	Pe RBA	Ma DBR 2016	Dt LPO 4015	Mu JBR 3110
3	Cs ROR 4114	Sc DW/2108	Se JCA 2017	En KLE 2015	Hu RBA 2020
4	En KLE 2015	Dt LPO 4015	Sc DW/2108	Ma DBR 2016	Ma DBR 2016
5	Dt LPO 4015	Hu SWI 2020	Rd DBR 2016	Fr ARO 2021	Pe RBA

To help you be organised at school, ensure you have the following equipment:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- PE Kit when needed

It is really useful if you check your bag the night before to make sure you have all of your equipment.





# House System at Armfield Academy

When Armfield Academy opened we launched our house system and it has grown to be the heartbeat of our academy. All staff and all students from nursery through to Year 9 have been split into five houses – Ruby House, Amethyst House, Citrine House, Emerald House and Sapphire house. Our houses are named after precious gemstones because this is how we view everyone who is part of our academy – unique, valuable and with the ability to radiate a room with their presence.

The ethos behind our new house system is to ensure that staff and students feel part of a team. We want our young people to develop their communications skills, improve their ability to overcome challenge with resilience and also accomplish things by leaning on the support of each other. Lead by a Head of House, each team has a newly-appointed student body comprising of two Captains, two supporting Ambassadors, two Charity Representatives and two Sports Captains. As well as presenting themselves as role models to their teams, these students are tasked with motivating fellow house members and increasing challenge participation – as well as ensuring their house wins as many points as possible.

Armfield Academy students can earn points in a variety of ways. Every Tuesday, they are encouraged to take part in a sporting house challenge at lunch time. Thus far, this has covered a range of physical activities from a ‘tug-of-war’ event to a footballing ‘crossbar challenge’. Later in the working week, students can expect a competition from an academic subject. Recent challenges have involved a collage portrait task, a ‘fruity’ solar system scaling activity and a ‘cake-off’ competition. In an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation, house results are then revealed in assembly – Harry Potter style!

To ensure our system reaches out positively to the community our academy serves, each house has chosen a local charity link and has been given the objective of raising as much money as possible during the academic year. Our students have already been visited by administrators from each charity and have developed working relationships with these organisations. We are very excited about future initiatives.

When students return we will be introducing further ways in which house points can be obtained. Firstly, students will be awarded RAOK (random act of kindness) points if they are caught showing kindness within the academy. Secondly, pupils’ Accelerated Reading data will be used to award bonus points at the end of every half-term. We would therefore like you to support our message that kindness and reading are important by instilling these concepts at home whenever and wherever you can.



Sometimes you might feel poorly in school.

Your teacher will then allow you to go to the main Office any they will decide what support you need.

Medical passes and toilet passes can be issued by the Head of Year and Pastoral Support Staff to those students that need them.



Some key members of staff that you need to know:

Headteacher – Mr. Kilmurray

Deputy Headteacher – Mr. Hallam

Assistant Headteacher – Miss Parkinson

Head of Year 7 – Mr. Brown

You may hear rumours about starting secondary school.

## **What is a rumour and what does it mean?**

A rumour is a currently circulating story of uncertain or doubtful truth. This means that people may be talking about things that are not true in order to worry or frighten you.

Here are some examples of rumours:

- “When you come to secondary school the older students are really scary.”

This is NOT TRUE – Our students are kind and helpful.

- “When you come to secondary school it’s really hard to make friends.”

This is NOT TRUE – You will meet lots of people from other schools and there are lots of clubs and activities to help you make friends.

If you have heard something and it has worried or concerned you, you must speak to someone and they will help straight away.

It is important to remember there  
will always be someone in  
school to help you.

Enjoy your summer and we look  
forward to seeing you in  
September!

