



The
**Birkenhead Park
School**

Parent Information Guide



**Everything you need
to know for when your
son/daughter joins us in
September 2022.**



Welcome

Welcome to The Birkenhead Park School. We are delighted that your child is joining us in September.

We have enclosed information that we hope you find useful to help support the transition from primary school and answer any questions that you may have at this stage.

This booklet includes information on:

- The Year 7 team
- What to expect in September
- The school day
- Support
- Uniform
- The Big Read
- Keeping in touch



Key dates:



Wednesday 6th July 2022
Transition Day 8:45am - 2:45pm



Monday 5th September 2022
Induction Day 8:35am - 11.30am



Tuesday 6th September 2022
First Full Day of Term 8:35am - 3:05pm

OUR Approach

Our aim as a school is to achieve “Ambition and Excellence for All” and we are committed to providing the best possible education for every student.

We believe that children have the very best chance to succeed if they are in a happy and inspiring environment. Our exceptional staff create this on a daily basis so our students are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Central to this are our values which underpin every aspect of daily school life:

Positivity - we are positive about what we do and what others can do

Ambition - we will work to raise aspirations and develop a strong desire for success

Resilience - we will be determined and not give up when faced with difficulties

Thoughtfulness - we treat everyone with respect and consideration

Our values always stand us in good stead, and as we approach a new school year in September, I am confident they will continue to drive us to provide the very best education and support for our students.



Helen Johnson
Headteacher

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Year 7 TEAM



Mrs Kirwan

Key Stage 3
Pastoral Leader

As the Key Stage 3 Pastoral Leader, my team and I are here to support your child with the transition from primary to secondary school.

The Year 7 pastoral team go to great lengths to help your child feel welcome. Our hugely experienced team includes dedicated Form Tutors who will know your child well. Miss Chong and I are always available before, during and after the school day.

I feel very excited to be part of your child's next steps in education and look forward to a secure, happy and successful Year 7 for all at The Birkenhead Park School.



Miss Chong

Year 7
Year Leader

With our help, your child will quickly settle into school life, making new friendships and learning lots of new things.

Our school offers a safe, caring and supportive environment so that your child can achieve their very best. We will always be around to discuss any problems or worries they may have along the way. If we all work together, we can ensure your child reaches their full potential.

Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Information about your child's individual needs is gathered during the transition period by key staff. The school's assessment and screening procedures are used to give us an up-to-date profile of learning needs against our thresholds for SEN support.

We have a strong team of Teaching Assistants and Teachers who specialise in providing a range of support strategies to ensure that every member of the school community thrives. Our focus is on providing high quality teaching which addresses any difficulties in the acquisition of literacy and/or numeracy skills, and the social and emotional aspects of learning. We have close relationships with other agencies and incorporate specialist advice into Person Centred Plans where appropriate.

Miss Weekes is the Assistant Headteacher who coordinates all of the school's SEND provision.



INDUCTION SESSION



Monday 5th September

Induction Session 8:35am - 11.30am

Students can arrive from 8:00am to access a free breakfast.



Each student will be given:

- A complimentary school bag
- Their school lanyard + timetable
- A stationery set that you must bring to school with you every day

Please don't bring:

- Your PE Kit

School DAY

For Year 7 only, the normal school day timings are as follows:

School Day 22/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club	8:00 - 8:35am	8:00 - 8:35am	8:00 - 8:35am	8:00 - 8:35am	8:00 - 8:35am
Tutor Time	8:35 - 9:15am	8:35 - 9:15am	8:35 - 9:15am	8:35 - 9:15am	8:35 - 9:15am
Lesson 1	9:15 - 10:15am	9:15 - 10:15am	9:15 - 10:15am	9:15 - 10:15am	9:15 - 10:15am
Break	10:15 - 10:30am	10:15 - 10:30am	10:15 - 10:30am	10:15 - 10:30am	10:15 - 10:30am
Lesson 2	10:30 - 11:30am	10:30 - 11:30am	10:30 - 11:30am	10:30 - 11:30am	10:30 - 11:30am
Lesson 3	11:30 - 12:30pm	11:30 - 12:30pm	11:30 - 12:30pm	11:30 - 12:30pm	11:30 - 12:30pm
Lunch	12:30 - 1.05pm	12:30 - 1.05pm	12:30 - 1.05pm	12:30 - 1.05pm	12:30 - 1.05pm
Period 4	1:05 - 2:05pm	1:05 - 2:05pm	1:05 - 2:05pm	1:05 - 2:05pm	1:05 - 2:05pm
Period 5	2.05 - 3:05pm	2.05 - 3:05pm	2.05 - 3:05pm	2.05 - 3:05pm	2.05 - 3:05pm
Students Finish	3:05pm	3:05pm	3:05pm	3:05pm	3:05pm

WEEKS A/B

The above school timetable will operate on a two week cycle between **Week A** and **Week B**.

The timings of each day and the number of lessons remains the same between the two weeks. However, the content of your child's timetable will be different as they do different lessons in Week A compared to Week B.



School MEALS

We serve a wide choice of food and drinks in the school canteen which opens at 8am each morning for Breakfast Club. This environment allows students to benefit from a positive nutritional balance supporting a healthy lifestyle, and meals are served that reflect the cultural, medical and dietary needs of our students.



You may be able to claim **Free School Meals** if, as a parent, you receive financial support from the government.

You can apply for Free School Meals online using this link:

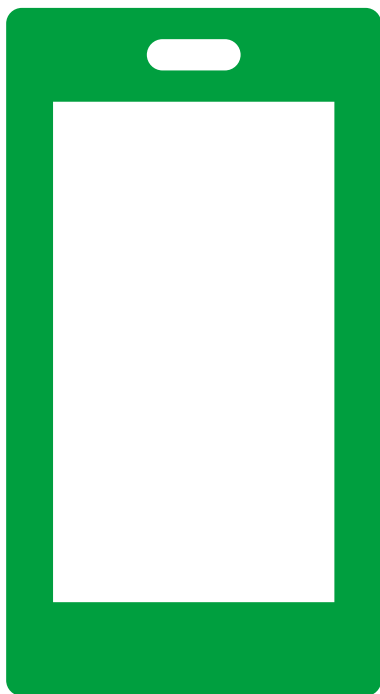
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We would encourage you to take up your entitlement to Free School Meals if you are eligible.

Find the latest school dinner menus and prices on our website here:

www.birkenheadparkschool.com/parents/schoolmeals

Mobile PHONES



To support travel to/from school, we recognise that there is a safeguarding need for students to have a mobile phone. However, as mobile phones are a distraction to teaching and learning, if a student chooses to bring a mobile phone to school it is on the understanding that they agree to the following actions:

- Mobile phones must be switched off and placed in their school bag as they enter the school building. It is not acceptable for phones to go in coat/blazer pockets.
- The phone must be kept in the school bag until the students leave the building at 3.05pm.
- The school accepts no liability for lost or damaged mobile phones, and they remain the student's responsibility if they choose to bring it to school.



School Uniform

The school uniform is considered a very important aspect of the school's ethos and full uniform is expected to be worn by all of our students every day.

Year 7 - 10 uniform consists of:

- **A black blazer with a red trim and the school badge.**
- A white shirt/blouse.
- **School clip-on tie;** no other type is permitted.
- Formal black school trousers or black school skirt - **tube/body-con style skirts are not permitted.**
- Flat, plain black shoes (boots and training shoes are not permitted.)
- A school jumper, tank top or black cardigan may be worn underneath the blazer provided they are fine knit.
- Plain black or white below the knee socks or black tights.

PE Kit:

- **Black and red polo shirt with logo (girls).**
- **Black and red Football top with logo (boys).**
- **Black and red shorts with logo.**
- Black socks.
- Trainers.
- Football boots/shin pads (optional).
- Towel.

[www.birkenheadparkschool.com](http://www.birkenheadparkschool.com/students/uniform)
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Year 11 only

Instead of the school blazer, students should wear a professional looking black suit jacket. Girls must wear an open neck reverse blouse with no tie. Boys should wear a **plain, dark green tie.**

The items in **red** are only available from Wirral Uniforms.

Other compulsory uniform items may be purchased from any local supplier as long as they are not branded. These include black trousers or black skirt and white shirt.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY FLAT, PLAIN BLACK SHOES are allowed.

No footwear with a coloured trim or logo will be allowed.

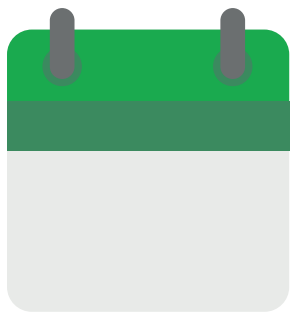
Each student will be given a complimentary school bag on the first day of term, as well as receiving a lanyard.

Uniform Supplier

Uniform is available from **Wirral Uniforms, 2A Princess Pavement, Grand Precinct, Birkenhead, CH41 2XY.**

Orders can be placed online at www.wirraluniforms.com





Term Dates

2022 - 2023

For Year 7 Students

Autumn Term 2022

Induction Session: Monday 5th September 8:35am - 11:30am

First Full Day at School: Tuesday 6th September 8:35am - 3.05pm

Open: Monday 5th September – Thursday 20th October 2022

Inset Day: Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

Open: Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Open: Wednesday 4th January – Friday 17th Feb 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th Feb – Friday 24th Feb 2023

Open: Monday 27th February – Friday 31st March 2023

Spring Break: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Open: Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Open: Monday 5th June – Thursday 20th July 2023

Inset Day: Monday 26th June 2023

Summer Holidays: Friday 21st July 2023

Our Literacy Programme



“Ambition and excellence for all” is what we strive for at BPS, and developing a love reading is key to academic success. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 take part in our ‘Big Read’. Each morning students read for 30 minutes with their form tutor and follow along using their own personalised bookmarks.



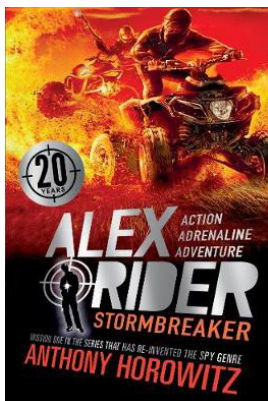
There are a great range of books covering different themes, issues and cultures which also include some ambitious texts. We are dedicated to closing the reading and vocabulary gap and have carefully selected this strategy based on clear research that has been proven to work.

Each form tutor has read the book that students will read and produced inspiring assemblies to introduce the book, knowledge organisers that allow us to delve into the meaning of selected vocabulary and a range of discussion questions so that students can share their own views and experiences. The Big Read will improve students’ reading and vocabulary and also ignite a love of reading



Miss Dawes

Assistant Headteacher
The Big Read Leader



What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Attendees of our Welcome Evening back in March were given a choices of books to pick from. Parents are the most important educators in a child's life and it's always good to read together. Therefore we are asking you to support us in encouraging your child to read at home with their book choice.



Learning to read is about understanding as well as working out what's printed on the page. Through reading, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding and allow them to express themselves confidently. It's important for them to become 'word rich' so that they can write and speak confidently and fluently. This is a skill that benefits young people and leads to academic success but also lasts a lifetime.



SUMMER SCHOOL

We will be running three Summer Schools from 10am - 2pm:

Summer School 1: Mon 25th – Thurs 28th July

Summer School 2: Mon 1st – Thurs 4th August

Summer School 3: Mon 15th – Thurs 18th August

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to Summer School. Students will enjoy four days of fun activities in numeracy, literacy, science, performing arts, cooking and sport. This will provide our new starters with a great opportunity to build confidence, make new friends, have fun and get familiar with the school.

There is no charge for summer school, and breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

You should have received an email to book your place on one of the above weeks. If you haven't received this email, please email Mrs Kirwan at:

pki@birkenheadparkschool.com





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Student Entrance



KEEPING IN *Touch*

We always work hard to keep you up-to-date with what is going on across the school and with your child's learning and development. It is vital that we work together to ensure your child achieves their full potential and communication is crucial to that success. There are a number of ways we will communicate with you to ensure you get the relevant information and updates.

Email

Email will be our main way of communicating with you and any letters informing you of important information about the school will be emailed to you. They will also be available on the school website.

If you need to contact us, please email:

offices@birkenheadparkschool.com

Text messages

We will contact you at times via text message.

Website (www.birkenheadparkschool.com)

Our website is regularly updated with good news stories and events. It is a great source of information about the school and may help you answer important questions about the school.



The Birkenhead Park School



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Parent
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Any questions?

If you have a question that hasn't

been covered in this Information

Guide, please don't hesitate to

send your questions to:

offices@birkenheadparkschool.com

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