

August 2020

Dear Year 7 Parents

I hope that you and your families are staying safe and well and have had an enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to The Birkenhead Park School next week.

Further to my letter before the summer break, I am writing to confirm some key information for the start of term. In order to ensure a smooth and successful start to the term, we will be operating a staggered start to help students to familiarise themselves with new routines.

For Year 7 students this means that they should attend school in full uniform for an induction session on:

Thursday 3rd September from 8.35am to 11.05am

Year 7 students can arrive in school from 8.00am on this day to access a free breakfast and will be free to leave at 11.05am. They will **not** be required to attend school on Friday 4th September and will be provided with activities to complete at home on this day.

All year groups will commence full days from **Monday 7th September**.

Please find below an overview of the school day for Year 7 students from Monday 7th September:

School Day Autumn Term 2020 – 2021

| B/fast Club | Tutor Time | 1 | Break Time | 2 | 3.1 | Lunch 2 | 3.2 | 4 | 5 | Entrance | Exit | Zone | Lunch |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|-----------|
| 8:30 8:50 | 8:45 9:20 | 9:20 10:20 | | 10:35 11:35 | 11:35 12:05 | 12:05 12:35 | 12:35 1:05 | 1:05 2:05 | 2:05 3:00 | | | | |
| Y7 | | | Zone | | | | | | | Year 7 Yard | Year 7 Yard | Base | Main Yard |

Travel to and from school

We are keen to support the government's plans for students to walk or cycle to school where possible. Over the summer, work has taken place to add capacity to the bike store at the front of school so that as many bikes as possible can be stored there during the day. If your son/daughter is planning to cycle to and from school, please ensure that they bring their own lock with them to secure their bike. Although the bike store will be locked, we are unable to accept liability for any loss or damage caused to bikes on the school site.

Face masks

As things stand, the wearing of face masks is not compulsory for secondary age students, unless a school is in a local lockdown area. This remains under review and we will let you know via email and social media/school website if this situation changes over the coming week.

Please refer to the “New Starters” section of the school website for lots of useful information ahead of the start of term. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kirwan, Pastoral Leader for Year 7, at pki@birkenheadparkschool.com.

With best wishes.



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