

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your child to Alperton Community School as they begin their exciting journey into Year 7. We understand that starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that this transition is as smooth and positive as possible for both you and your child.

Thursday 3 September - First School Day

Your child will start their journey as an Alperton Community School student on **Thursday 3 September**, in their new Alperton Community School uniform. We expect all of our students to dress smartly and be well presented at all times. Please do refer to the school uniform policy.

They should arrive no later than 8.20 am ready for an 8.30 am start. Please be reminded that there is NO breakfast club on this day. They will have a slightly earlier finish at **3.00 pm**, for this day only. Students will be dismissed from the gate. Please ensure your child knows whether they are being collected or making their own way home.

As they will be spending the whole day at school, please ensure that they have a healthy snack, packed lunch or that their ParentPay lunch account is topped up and ready for them to purchase food. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with lunch.

Thursday 3 September Evening Meet the tutor event

We would also like to remind you that we are holding our Meet the Tutor event at our Ealing Road site on Thursday 3 September. This session is essential for all parents/carers to attend, as it will provide you with key information, expectations and guidance for the year ahead. This is a parent/carer only event and we only have capacity for one parent/carer to attend. However, if there are any issues regarding childcare, please do contact admissions@alperton.brent.sch.uk

- Entry will begin at 5:00pm.
- The presentation will start promptly at 5:30pm.
- Late arrivals will be asked to wait before entering, so please arrive on time.
- There will be no parking available, so please do use public transport where possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of key information and to reinforce some of our expectations:

Timings for the School Day - The school day will begin at 8.25 am and end at 3.15 pm for all students. Our free breakfast club starts at 8 am and after school clubs usually finish by 4.30 pm. All our clubs are free to attend and all students will be expected to attend at least 3 after school clubs.

Equipment - As part of the free school uniform voucher, your child will have received a free school bag. Please can you ensure that your child has a transparent pencil case that contains the following equipment:



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pens, pencils, white board pen and eraser, colouring pencils, rubbers, sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick, calculator and a 30 cm ruler.

Students must also have a reading book of their choice and a reusable water bottle. All equipment and clothing must be labelled. Please ensure your child is ready for the day ahead, as this is one of the best ways to help your child to succeed and thrive at school.

Mobile Phones - Mobile phones are NOT allowed at Alperton Community School. If your child must have a phone with them, it needs to be a phone that does not have access to the internet. Smartphones will be confiscated. Please ensure your child's phone does not have any access to the internet. Mobile phones without internet access must be turned off and in your child's bag when they are in school.

Parent Pay Access Codes - You should have received your unique ParentPay secondary school access code so that you are able to top up your child's lunch account ready for tomorrow. Please note that this code will be different to your primary school account. Please do contact the school office if you have not received this.

Communications - We use the software platform My Child at School(MCAS) to communicate to our parents and carers. We do not send out paper letters. You should have received instructions on how to download and use the app. Please do contact the school office if you have not received this. Parents should also check the school website (www.alperton.brent.sch.uk) for the most up to date information.

Friday 4 September - Woburn Safari Park

Finally, we are very excited about our Year 7 team building trip to Woburn Safari Park on **Friday 4 September**. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to build friendships, work with their new form groups, and enjoy learning in an environmental setting. All students will be briefed about expectations and logistics.

What to Wear

All students must wear their ACS Sport and Health kit. If your child does not have this, they must wear their grey ACS jumper with plain tracksuit bottoms.

What to Bring

- A packed lunch.
- A raincoat (in case of wet weather).
- A sun hat and ensure they apply sun cream before arriving if it is hot.
- A refillable water bottle (plenty of water is needed).
- Any medical items they require (e.g. inhalers, epipens).

Please note: if your child does not bring their required medication, they will not be able to attend the trip.

Before We Leave

- Students should arrive at school by 8:00am (free breakfast is available).
- They must be in the Year 7 playground by 8:15am for registration and medication checks.
- We will board the coaches at 8:30am.
- We expect to return by 3:30pm. If we are running later than 30 minutes, you will receive a message with an estimated ETA.

Behaviour Expectations



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- Students are representing Alperton Community School at all times.
- They must follow staff and ranger instructions carefully.
- They must stay with their form and buddy at all times.
- Mobile phones are not permitted (including for photos).
- Students should be ready, respectful, responsible and resilient at all times.

This trip is an important part of building strong, supportive form groups and we want every student to get the most out of the experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or queries.

We look forward to welcoming your child on Thursday.

Best wishes,



Mrs Ryan

Assistant Headteacher - KS3 Lead



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