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21 April 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 7 Transition Information

Now that your child has been allocated a place here at The Link Academy, I would like to provide you with some key information relating to the next steps and keep you informed of the transition process so far.

- We have requested information about your child from their primary school so that we have an understanding of their abilities and their needs. I am also currently visiting your child's primary school to meet their Year 6 teacher to gain as much information as possible.
- We are keeping our website updated that inform you of the relevant information. Please see Parents & Carers > New Learner data collection.
- We are inviting your child to attend a Transition Day at the academy week commencing 29 June 2026
- We are inviting all parents and carers to attend an evening at the academy. This evening enables parents and carers to meet our senior staff, complete any necessary paperwork and ask questions. This evening will be on Tuesday 30 June 2026 beginning at 6pm.
- We will invite your child to attend summer school (details to be sent at a later date)
- We will invite identified learners for bespoke visits/meetings.

Uniform

I am delighted to confirm that by way of welcoming our Year 7 learners to our academy, Dudley Academies Trust gift learners with a free blazer and tie. Details of how to order and collect a blazer and tie for new Year 7 learners will be released in due course.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit, then you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child. Even if your circumstances have only changed for the short term, you still have the right to apply.

Please visit the Parents & Carers section of the school website to see if you are eligible for and can receive support in applying for FSM.

My Child At School (MCAS) App

In the coming weeks, we aim to send you the activation email for our electronic communication system My Child At School (MCAS) app. We ask that all parents and carers download this app, as this enables us to communicate messages and information effectively and to gather key information from you in advance of your child starting with us in September.

In order for this to be successful we will send an activation email to the email address that we currently have for you.

Please note the contact information we have for parents and carers was shared with us via the local authority from your application. If any of these details have changed and to make sure we have an up-to-date email address, can you please complete the New Learner Data Collection, under the Parents and Carers section on the school website.

Induction Evening for parents and carers

We would like to invite you to the Year 7 Induction Evening. This evening will be held on Tuesday 30 June 2026. This event will provide you with important information about your child's start at The Link Academy in September. The induction evening will begin at 6:00pm and will last for

approximately 45 minutes. Afterwards, key members of staff will be available for you to ask any remaining questions to or to share information about your child.

Induction Day for learners

We very much look forward to welcoming your child to the Link Academy for their Induction Day. The aim of this day is for our new Year 7 group to build confidence and begin to get to know the school and staff. It will also allow your child to ask any questions that they have.

The dates your child will attend depend on their current primary school. The table below explains what date each learner will attend.

Date:	School:	Time:
Tuesday 30 June	Year 6 learners from Sledmere and Dudley Wood	8.45am – 3:10pm
Wednesday 1 July	Year 6 learners from Netherton C of E and Northfield Road.	8.45am – 3:10pm
Thursday 2 July	Year 6 learners from Beechwood Primary, Blowers Green, Blackheath Primary, Bromley Primary, Burnt Tree Primary, Caslon Primary, Colley Lane, Hob Green, Jessons Primary, Kate's Hill, Lutley Primary, Netherbrook Primary, Peter's Hill Primary, Quarry Bank Primary, Reddal Hill Primary, St Joseph's Catholic, Tividale Hall, Temple Meadow Primary, Withymoor Primary, Woodside Primary and learners that are home educated.	8.45am – 3:10pm

Summer School

The Link Academy also aims to provide access to a summer school to further help your child get to know the academy. This year, summer school will run from Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2026 between 9am and 12.30 pm and is available only for our new Year 7 learners. More detailed information will be sent in due course.

Forms and Information

We will ensure the most up to date information is available to you. Please familiarise yourself with the following key areas of our website:

- 'Why Choose Us?' and 'Why Choose Us? / Welcome to Year 7' (for information on Transition).
- 'Parents & Carers' (for information on Uniform, SEND, Term Dates/ School Day).
- 'About us' (for statutory information about our academy).

Throughout the transition process I also want you, as a parent or carer, to feel supported and to contact me if you have any questions. Please do so by emailing rchater@thelinkacademy.org.uk or follow us on social media platforms.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chater
Assistant Principal.