



Avonbourne Boys' & Girls' Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is finally the day, and we are incredibly excited to welcome our new Year 7 students to Avonbourne Boys' and Girls' Academies!

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and whilst we know this can be a nerve-wracking time for both students and parents, please be reassured that our staff will be on hand throughout the day to support students as they settle into academy life.

Arrival Information

Students should arrive at the **basketball courts next to Visitor Reception from 8:00am**. Staff will be there to greet and direct them. Students do not need to arrive exactly at this time but please note that the gates will close and line-ups will begin promptly at **8:30am**.

Whilst it is completely understandable that parents may wish to stay, we encourage you to say your goodbyes and leave once your child has arrived. This helps students settle quickly and begin building their independence and confidence.

Uniform and Photographs

Students should arrive in **full academy uniform** and looking smart, as academy photographs will be taking place during the day.

Please ensure your child is wearing:

- Avonbourne Academies blazer purchased from Stevensons
- White shirt
- Avonbourne Academies tie purchased from Stevensons
- School trousers or the Avonbourne Academies skirt from Stevensons
- Appropriate school shoes (having checked guidance in our Uniform Policy)
- Suitable socks or tights
- Academy jumper (optional depending on the weather)

Please ensure you have thoroughly checked our Uniform Policy guidance and that your child is fully prepared for their first day.

Equipment

Students should bring a **fully stocked pencil case** with them.

For a full equipment checklist, please refer to the Welcome Booklets available on our transition pages:

Avonbourne Boys' Academy

<https://www.avonbourneboysacademy.org.uk/students-and-parents/transition>

Avonbourne Girls' Academy

<https://www.avonbournegirlsacademy.org.uk/students-and-parents/transition>

If you have ordered any equipment packs or other items through the academy, these will be distributed to students during the day.

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Executive Principal: Michelle Dyer

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Food and Lunch Arrangements

Students should bring either:

- A packed lunch and snack, or
- Have funds available on their ParentPay account to purchase food from the canteen.

You will have received an email from ParentPay over the summer inviting you to activate your account. If you have not yet done this, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any ParentPay queries, please contact:

bmthpoolefinance@unitedlearning.org.uk

Free School Meals

If you are expecting your child to receive Free School Meals, eligibility should already have been checked.

If you have not yet completed this process, please apply using the following link:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/unitedlearning>

Students whose eligibility has been confirmed will receive **£2.78 per school day** to spend at lunchtime.

For families adding money to student accounts, as a guide, £2.78 is currently sufficient for a two-course lunch consisting of a hot meal and either a dessert or a drink.

Smartphone-Free Year 7 Site

A reminder that Avonbourne operates a **smartphone-free site for Year 7 students**.

No Year 7 student is permitted to have a smartphone on them during the academy day unless this has been previously agreed with the academy for medical reasons.

PE Kit

PE kit will **not** be required tomorrow, even if Arbor is showing that your son or daughter has PE scheduled.

Students will need their PE kit on **Friday** if they have **PE or Dance during Periods 3 or 4**. Staff will remind students of this during their first day. From next week onwards, students should bring their PE kit on all timetabled PE or Dance days.

Finally...

We are currently responding to a high volume of enquiries in the **Class of 2033 inbox** and are working hard to get back to everyone as quickly as possible. In the meantime, we hope this letter answers many of the questions you may have ahead of tomorrow.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into our Avonbourne community and helping them begin what we know will be a successful, happy and rewarding journey with us.

Enjoy the final moments of the summer break!

Kind regards,

Nikki Dadson and the Class of 2033 team

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