



15th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter outlines all of the information you require regarding the return to school in September and some important changes that have been made for the next school year.

Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026 is an inset day, with school closed to all pupils.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 is an inset day, with school closed to all pupils.

Pupils Return

On Thursday 3rd September 2026, Year 7 will start school at 8.35am. When Year 7 arrive, they need to go straight to the Hall.

Years 8 to 11 will be expected at school at 9.30am and will go straight to their new form room.

Year Groups

The Year Group system has worked incredibly well this year. Just to remind you, the Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Leader in each year group are as follows:

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| • Year 7 – Mrs Perks and Mrs Rees | Year7@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk |
| • Year 8 – Mr Wood and Mrs Leonard | Year8@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk |
| • Year 9 – Mr Penn and Mrs Yeomans | Year9@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk |
| • Year 10 – Miss Lloyd, Miss Dufficy and Mrs Williams | Year10@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk |
| • Year 11 – Mr Hope and Mrs Stockton | Year11@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk |

If you wish to contact the school regarding a pastoral issue, please contact the year group team. In the majority of cases, you should direct the email to the form teacher in the first instance. Please address any questions, issues or concerns to them first.

Calendar

Please find attached the school calendar with important dates for parents. Please note that as well as the first two days in September, there will be inset days on:

- Monday 2nd November 2026.
- Friday 4th December 2026.
- Monday 4th January 2027.
- Thursday 25th March 2027.

The school's Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2026. School will close at 2pm to pupils.

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Uniform

Further guidance regarding the school's uniform policy can be found on our website ([here](#)) and more detailed correspondence will be forthcoming.

Please may I remind you that ties must be worn at all times. Failure to attend school wearing a tie will lead to your child being provided with one for the day. If they do not return it then you may be billed for that tie.

In addition, piercings are often a problem at the start of a new term. No facial piercings are allowed. Please ensure these are removed before pupils come to school or a clear retainer is in place for one nose piercing only. Just having had it done will not be an acceptable excuse to be wearing them.

Leggings are not allowed to be worn instead of school trousers. Please ensure that your child is wearing shoes that are all black.

Finally, pupils need a Wordsley PE kit, with full details on our website.

Attendance

Attendance here at Wordsley has improved once again this year. Being at school is the key determining factor in how well your child is likely to do, both at school and afterwards. Research shows that attendance below 95% has a serious impact on what a child will go on to do when they leave school and how much they are, on average, likely to earn. Just 9 days off per year can tip you below the 95% figure.

Attendance to school is also a habit. Those who attend school in week one are more likely to continue to attend throughout the year. Please can I ask for your support in getting your child to school in September, 5 days per week, 195 days per year. If they are anxious or worried about returning to school, please contact the school and we can provide support.

Mobile Phones

Due to changing government guidance, mobile phones will be banned in schools from September. On their return, such devices are prohibited at Wordsley and every other school. We have updated our policy accordingly and further messaging will be sent to you on the return to school after the holidays.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming your child back on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Weatherhogg
Headteacher

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