



27 August 2025

Arrangements for the Start of Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing to confirm with you the arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term. From Tuesday 2 September 2025, we will be staggering pupils' return to school as follows:

Date	Pupils Return/At Home
Monday 1 September 2025	Staff Training Day - school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2 September 2025	Year 7 & 11 will start school at 08:30
Wednesday 3 September 2025	All year groups in school at 08:30
Thursday 4 September 2025	
Friday 4 September 2025	

The School Day

	Entry/Exit Point	Start	Finish
Year 7	Key Stage 3 Gate	08:30	Monday: 16:10 Tuesday - Thursday: 15:10 Friday: 13:40

Punctuality

Pupils need to arrive at the school site ready to enter by 08:30; pupils who arrive before this time are welcome to use our free breakfast club in West Canteen. The school gates are locked at 08:37, so any pupil arriving after this will be marked as late and will receive a 30-minute detention.

Reusable Water Bottles

As part of our commitment to sustainability—driven by the work of our Year 8 pupils on their Solutions for The Planet project—we are a no single-use plastics site. Therefore, please ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle when they start with us. Water bottle filling stations are available around the school for pupils to use.

ParentPay

In the next few days, you will receive an email with your new ParentPay login details for Hodge Hill College and instructions on how to activate your account. All Year 7 pupils will receive a complimentary snack and meal during their break and lunch on Tuesday 2 September 2025, but you must ensure you activate and top up your account ready for **Wednesday 3 September 2025**. This also applies to pupils bringing packed lunches or those eligible for Free School Meals. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you may top up their account if they wish to make purchases beyond their daily allowance.

Free School Meals

Parents and carers are encouraged to apply for Free School Meals via our website at <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals>. Alternatively, they can call or visit the school to complete the application with a staff member, and we will assist if needed. Please have the National Insurance Number of the person receiving either working tax credit or child tax credit ready when applying.

Please note that more parents will be eligible for Free School Meals from September due to government changes to the eligibility criteria.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to attend school in full uniform, including the Hodge Hill College tie, blazer, and black shoes. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our expectations regarding PE kit: no hoodies are allowed in school, and jogging bottoms should be plain navy. Full details of the school PE kit can be found on our website: <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/uniform>.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and restful summer period and I look forward to welcoming our new pupils to Hodge Hill College in September.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Herrmann
Headteacher