



17 June 2026

Family Handbook, Induction Day & Welcome Event

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am looking forward to welcoming your child when they join us at Hodge Hill College in September 2026. In anticipation of this, here is the link <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/familyhandbook> to our Family Handbook, which contains all the information you and your child need to know about school life. I would ask that you take the time to read it in readiness for the new academic year.

Expectations

We must start the year with a clear understanding of our expectations for supporting your child's learning. Therefore, I would like to draw your attention to the following in the handbook:

Uniform – we operate a clear uniform policy. Please ensure that your child always attends in full uniform as detailed in the handbook.

Hair Cuts & Piercings – please ensure haircuts are appropriate. No shaved patterns in hairstyles or eyebrows are allowed and neither are facial piercings.

Sweets, Chocolates and High Sugar Drinks – we promote healthy eating to support learning and therefore ask that these items are not brought into school. All drinks sold on-site in the canteen comply with the Government's guidelines on sugar in drinks. We have banned single-use plastic bottles from being brought into school and encourage pupils to bring water in a reusable plastic bottle. We will issue all Year 7 pupils with a reusable water bottle when they join us in September.

Leave in Term Time – we cannot authorise leave during term time. If your child takes unauthorised leave, this may result in a penalty notice being issued, legal action, or your child losing their school place.

Mobile Phones – pupils are not allowed to use phones on the school site. If the phone is seen by a member of staff, it will be confiscated, and a parent/carers will need to collect it at the end of the school day, as stated in the Behaviour for Learning Policy. Further information can be found in the handbook.

Induction Day & Welcome Event

For your information, Hodge Hill College will host its annual Year 7 Induction Day and Welcome Event on Wednesday 1 July, and we look forward to introducing our new Year 7 pupils to the school.

For the induction day part of the event, pupils are expected to arrive between 8:50-9:00 for registration. Parents and carers should drop pupils off at the school's Main Entrance, where staff will be available to take groups to the registration area. Please note that parking or bringing vehicles onto the site will not be permitted.

Pupils will be allocated to their tutor groups and will have the opportunity to take part in fun learning activities across a variety of subject area, to begin familiarising themselves with the school and their new classmates. Pupils are expected to wear their

full Primary School uniform, including school shoes. Trainers are not permitted. Pupils should have a schoolbag with equipment such as pens and pencils.

Plan for Induction Day

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| Tutor Time & P1 (08:50-10:10) | Arrival and registration. Breakfast items provided. Assembly from 09:30 to 10:10 |
| P2 (10:10-11:40) | Pupils will be with their tutor. During this session, pupils will complete activities that will help them get to know their new classmates and tutor. Pupils will be taught about expectations at Hodge Hill College. |
| P3 (11:40-12:40) | Pupils will practice muster point routines, collect lunch and have an opportunity to Play with their new classmates. If necessary, due to poor weather conditions, pupils will take part in a quiz in our assembly hall |
| P4 (12:40-13:40) | Pupils will take part in the following lessons: 7 West Tutor groups – Humanities 7 East Tutor Groups – Science |
| P5 (13:40-14:40) | Pupils will take part in the following lessons: 7 West Tutor Groups – Science 7 East Tutor Groups – Creative (Art/Design) & Performing Arts |
| Dismissal (14:45 onwards) | Pupils escorted to the Main Entrance |

During the day, a packed lunch will be provided to all pupils. Pupils are, however, welcome to bring a packed lunch from home, but it must adhere to school lunch rules: no fizzy drinks, crisps, or chocolate, and water in a reusable water bottle.

The day part of the event will conclude at 14:45, after which pupils will be escorted to the Main Entrance to meet with parents and carers.

We strongly encourage families and pupils to return to the school via the Main Entrance during the evening of Wednesday 1 July for our Welcome Event which begins at 16:00 and ends at 18:30. This provides you with the opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the school site on a tour and then there is the opportunity to discuss matters important to yourselves and your children with key staff attached to our new Year 7 intake. I will also deliver a Headteacher’s address, which will allow parents to gain a deeper understanding of our school ethos and future plans for our new Year 7’s. Ties and badges will be available for you to purchase.

Key Dates

| Date | Time | |
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| Wednesday 1 July | 08:50-14:45 | Induction Day for Year 6 pupils |
| Wednesday 1 July | 16:00-18:30 | Welcome Event for new pupils and parents/carers |
| Wednesday 22 July – Friday 24 July | 08:30-14:00 | Summer School 2026 Register online at: www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/summerschool2026 - limited spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations close at 2pm on 19 June. |
| Wednesday 2 September | 08:30-15:10 | Year 7 in school for induction Year 7 will arrive at and depart from school via the Key Stage 3 Gates, which are located at the Fairholme Road end of the school site on Bromford Road |

Please note that parents/carers are not permitted on-site to collect pupils. Over 1200 pupils leave the site at the end of each day, and it can take 15 minutes for pupils to get from their classroom to the school gate. Please encourage your child to

walk or cycle home if you live nearby. Bromford Road is congested, and parking is difficult. If you plan to pick up your child, please arrange to meet them on a road further from the school entrance.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, the Government has expanded eligibility for free school meals. This means that more families may now qualify, particularly those receiving Universal Credit. I strongly encourage you to check your eligibility via the online service on our website: <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals> — even if you are unsure.

You can also telephone or come into school and complete a Free School Meals application online with a member of staff if you prefer. Please make sure you have the National Insurance Number with you for the named person who receives either working tax credit/child tax credit and we will be happy to help.

I am sure that your child will have the best transition experience, and I am looking forward to sharing their successful journey through secondary education. If you have any queries or questions that you can't find the answer to, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0121 783 7807 or transition@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Herrmann".

Hannah Herrmann
Headteacher