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Dear New Year 7 Students, Parents and Carers

## Beaminster School Induction Days, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

We are really looking forward to all our new students joining us here in school for their 2 induction days on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July!**

### Timings and What to Bring

All students should arrive in school by **8.45am**. They should **wear their normal school uniform** and will also need a suitable school bag to bring:

- Packed lunch and drink - ideally a refillable water bottle
- A pencil case including:
  - a black and green pen            ruler
  - pencil and rubber                protractor
  - highlighter                         pair of compasses
  - calculator
- Notebook
- Reading book
- PE kit (trainers, shorts and t-shirt, or their normal primary school PE kit).

All students will need their **PE kit on both Monday and Tuesday**. We hope that all students will be independent when they come to us in September, so please ensure that they are able to get fully changed into their PE kit by themselves. If you have any concerns please do email Ms Gibson, [DGibson@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:DGibson@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

The school day ends at **3.30pm**.

### Transport

It is up to parents/carers to arrange how their child gets to and from school. Students can use the normal school transport that they will use in September if you wish, and may do so free of charge on the induction days.

Parents may, on this occasion only, drop off/collect students from the bus park. This is a **special exception** as parents are not normally permitted to do this at the start and end of the day for safety reasons, so please do ensure that students are fully aware of the hazards of school buses and other school transport using the area.

**Parents and carers should not come in to school with students**, there will be staff and Beaminster prefects on hand at both entrances to welcome our new students and guide them safely in to school.

Please note that the school has no responsibility for school transport or travel passes, it is up to parents/carers to check that their child has the right to travel on any given route. Please see the **School Transport page of the Dorset Council website** for details of routes, timetables and bus passes, or contact your local provider: [School transport timetables, passes and bus information - Dorset Council](#)

### Groupings on Induction Days

Students will be placed into temporary groups for the activities on the induction days so that they have an opportunity to get to know as many students as possible across the year group. They will be advised of their Tutor group on the second induction day.

### Mobiles

We recognise that some parents/carers may wish students to have a mobile for use on their journey to and/or from school. Beaminster School students are not permitted to use mobile phones in school or while on the school site, the office will always contact home if needed. Parents/carers should not text or message students during the school day.

All mobiles must be **turned off from 8.30am-3.45pm** and handed in to Reception for safekeeping during the day, or switched off and kept out of sight in bags. Students should remember, **ON site OUT of sight**.

The school accepts **no responsibility** for any loss/damage to any phones or other valuables brought onto the premises, which is entirely at students' own risk. If lost or damaged, the school will not be held liable for any replacement or repair.

### **IRIS ParentMail and Lunch Accounts**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> **all students should bring in a packed lunch (including a drink)** which they will eat together as a group. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> all students will be given a pin number and shown how to use our **cashless canteen catering system** - please note that as we are a cashless school students **cannot use cash** on site.

Lunch money accounts and all trips and visits are paid for through our communication and payment system, **IRIS ParentMail**. Some of you may already have ParentMail, but **all parents/carers will need to register with IRIS ParentMail** in September. This is quick and easy to do either by logging in to the IRIS ParentMail website or **downloading the handy IRIS ParentMail app**.

Students are not formally on roll with us until after the term starts in September so please be aware that not all of our school systems will be fully accessible to all new parents until then.

To ensure that all students can access the canteen on Tuesday, **£2.80 will be credited to all student lunch accounts**, which will be recouped by the school once parents are able to load their child's lunch account electronically in September. Students eligible for **Free School Meals** will receive a daily allowance of **£2.80** per day from September.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Families across Dorset are being encouraged to check **now** whether their child(ren) will be eligible for **Free School Meals** from September 2026 following changes by central government. To prepare for the change, parents or carers will need to **apply or reapply from 1 June 2026, even if their child already receives Free School Meals this school year**. Click on the link below for more information, check eligibility and apply using the online checker:

[More Dorset children could qualify for free school meals - Dorset Council](#)

Students will be taking part in a variety of lessons over the 2 days they are with us in July. They will be making **granola** on Monday so please do ensure we are aware of any **allergies or dietary needs (e.g. coeliac, gluten intolerance etc)** **as soon as possible** by emailing: [SChanning@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:SChanning@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

### **Parent Information Evening**

There is a final **Information Evening** on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm**, which is a great opportunity for all our new students, parents and carers to meet me and the rest of the Year 7 Tutor team and to ask any remaining questions you may have before the summer break.

### **School Paperwork**

Finally, all parents/carers should have received a hard copy of our **blue 8-sided New Student Information Form and Home-School Agreement** to complete for each child, which should be returned to us as soon as possible please, and on the first induction day at the very latest. The New Student form gives us all the essential information we need about you and your child so please ensure you complete it fully and carefully.

Please note that we will also need copies of all relevant documents such as **Court Orders, legal guardianship orders, deed poll name changes** etc returned with the forms for us to hold on file. The **Home-School Agreement** clearly outlines what is expected of the school, of parents/carers and of the students so please do read it carefully.

In the mean time, please could you all complete the short form on the link below by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**:

[Beaminster School Transition 2026 Parent/Carer Form – Fill in form](#)

### **Website Information**

If you are unsure of anything, please do browse the school website, particularly the **Parent Handbook** and **Year 6 Transition Information Page** where you can find lots of helpful information, or please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Don't forget our **Open Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 5-7pm**, the England match will be shown on screens around the school!

Kind regards  
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