

Dear Y6 pupils and parents,

Firstly, can I say how excited we are for you to arrive next week Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July for your transition days. We have lots planned over the 3 days, and can't wait for it to happen. With that in mind, we would like to provide you with a bit more information regarding the transition days next week.

We would like pupils to arrive in school via the bottom gate (to the right of the front of the school if you are facing the building) on Longley Avenue West. We will have staff outside on duty directing you into the building. Parents you can wave them off at the gate if you wish to do so. Our school day starts at 8.30am, so please arrive before this time. On Monday, we will be sorting pupils into their tutors and bringing them up into their tutor rooms. On Tuesday morning we will have an assembly lead by Kooth (<https://www.kooth.com/>), and on Wednesday they will have a personal development tutor time session as they would do in September.

Over the course of the first two days, pupils will take part in a range of lessons, giving them a chance to spend time with classmates, teachers, and also to get an understanding of what we teach and how we teach at E-ACT Parkwood Academy. We will also complete a NGRT reading test over these two days so we can understand where each pupil's reading ability is at, so we can support them with all the appropriate resources from day one in September. Wednesday 5th July is a strike day, however we have decided to keep our school open to our Y6 pupils. On the morning they will complete the CATS tests that all Y6 pupils complete prior to secondary school, followed by a fun afternoon of sporting activities that everyone can take part in. The school day will end for our Y6 pupils at 3pm, and we will escort them down to the bottom gate where you can be there to collect them.

On the transition days, pupils can wear their current school uniform or something comfortable, providing it is appropriate and practical. On Wednesday it would be advised to wear something sporty for the afternoon session. We would like the pupils to come equipped with pens and pencils so they can take part in learning, and also a reusable water bottle (we did give pupils all of these in their welcome packs!). We will be providing all of the pupils with the opportunity to try our amazing lunchtime menu for free. If pupils wish to bring their own packed lunch, then they may also do so. We have provided a list of the menu for the three days on the opposite page.

We have tried to visit our feeder schools to allow pupils and parents a chance to try on our school uniform before they purchase it, however we haven't been able to visit all of the schools. On Tuesday 4th July, we will be offering pupils and parents a chance to come into school between 3-4pm to try on uniform. Parents can enter via the bottom entrance where they will be directed to the canteen. We are also lucky to have the Autism in Schools team present that evening. We host their meetings regularly in the academy, where parents or carers of SEN pupils are invited to come in and discuss a range of topics. They will be based in the canteen from 2.30pm.

We will be handing out a summer school letter on Monday 3rd. Please complete the form if your child is interested in attending summer school and return back by Wednesday 5th July.



Please note, these transition days are not linked to the primary schools. Whilst they are aware of the events, we expect pupils to come straight to the academy as they would in Y7. Unless you have made a special arrangement, we do not expect primary schools to support with transport for Y6 pupils to Parkwood. We want this to feel as much like September as possible.

Also, following our recent Ofsted inspection in March, 2023, we achieved the outcome of 'Good' which is a true testament to the hard work of our students, staff and the wider community. An Ofsted leaflet will be shared with students/parents on the transition days.

A final mention is a change to the Year 7 pastoral team. Abbie Armitage will be our Year 7 Progress Manager next year. She has been at Parkwood for 4 years now and has been working with our current Y10 cohort and excited to come down to the Year 7 group to support all of our new pupils.

If you have any questions prior to arrival on Monday, please contact Gregg.henderson@pwa.e-act.org.uk or Kayleigh.oldershaw@pwa.e-act.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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STREATERIES

Transition week

	INCREDIBLE INDIA	Plant POWER	Home STYLE
STREET	Beef Brisket Dhansak	Chicken Burger & Spicy Cajun wedges	Roast Chicken & Stuffing
VEGGIE	Roast Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma	Veg Chilli Nachos With Homemade Salsa	Butterbean & Root Veg Stew
SIDES	Whole Grain Rice Coconut Green Beans	Spicy Cajun Wedges Burnt Broccoli	Roasties Fresh Vegetables

