

Welcome to Erdington Academy

Thank you for joining us!

Supporting the transition from primary to secondary school

An overview of what to expect between now and September

Key dates

This Teams event will be recorded

We have muted mics and cameras.

Mrs Hillier
Assistant Principal

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Assistant SENCO

Welcome to Erdington Academy

- Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting and important milestone
- Our aim is for every child to feel confident, supported and recognised as an individual
- We work in close partnership with primary schools and families to understand each child's needs
- Transition is a carefully planned process that begins well before students join us in September

How we prepare for September

Spring Term – We contact and visit primary schools to begin gathering the important information we need to understand each child as an individual.

Summer Term – Students take part in transition activities, and families complete information forms (May) to help us prepare for a smooth start.

Additional Meetings – Where extra support or planning is needed, we arrange personalised meetings so we can put the right provisions in place.

September – Students take part in a carefully structured induction, learn routines, and begin settling confidently into life in Year 7.

If your child has a SEN need

We work closely with primary school SENCOs to ensure we understand each child's strengths and needs.

We begin planning early for students with SEND so the right support is in place from the start.

Personalised support is provided where appropriate to help every student feel confident and secure.

Our approach is rooted in inclusion and wellbeing, ensuring all students feel welcomed and valued.

What support will my child receive?

Daily form time with Form Tutors who are there every day to guide, support and get to know each student.

A dedicated Head of Year who monitors wellbeing closely, liaises with parents and provides support whenever it's needed.

We help students establish routines and build confidence with organisation and timetables.

Staff are always available so students can ask for help at any time.

How can I help my child prepare?

Talk positively with your child about starting secondary school to help build confidence and excitement.

Encourage independence and organisation, gradually helping your child prepare for new routines.

Support your child in sharing any questions or worries so we can work together to reassure them.

Keep communication open with the school—we're here to help every step of the way.

What happens next?

16th March: Birmingham City Council deadline

Acceptances and refusals

The email and letter you receive will name the secondary school your child has been offered for September 2026.

You do not need to let us know if you plan to accept this offer.

You will only need to inform us by 16 March 2026 if you are refusing it. Your offer letter will tell you how you can refuse the offer. If you do not refuse the offer, our records will show that the offer has been accepted.

Dates for your diary

16th March: Final date to refuse a place offered by BCC.

17th and 24th March (9:30-10:15) Open mornings- please call the office to book a place.

May Information forms are sent to you to complete about your child.

24th June: SEND transition day for students

30th June: Parents evening- welcome- children are invited.

1st July: Transition day for all students

Early September: Year 7 start school

Settling in evening

FAQ: Uniform



FOOTWEAR

Black shoes. Shoes should be of a polishable material and have low heels. Lace up shoes should have black laces only.

Training shoes, boots, canvas shoes, Nike Air Max, Vans, Converse or similar footwear are NOT allowed as school shoes.

UNIFORM

- Black blazer with academy logo
- Tailored black skirt OR black tailored trousers (no leggings, jersey skirts, denim, cord or skin tight trousers. Skirts should be no more than 3cm above or below the knee).
- White collared shirt
- Tie in House colours appropriate for your Key stage
- Black shoes with low heels. Lace up shoes should have black laces only. Shoes should be of a polishable material (No training shoes, boots or canvas shoes allowed)
- Plain white socks or plain black or natural tights
- Narrow black belt with small plain buckle
- Jewellery: one stud in each ear and one watch. Single stud in nose (clear and natural)
- Make up to be kept natural and subtle
- No extreme haircuts or colour
- No acrylic or false nails

GAMES AND PE KIT

- Reversible long sleeve sports top OR short sleeve sports polo shirt with school badge (compulsory)
- Black appropriate track suit bottoms optional
- Plain shorts – black
- Plain skirt – black
- School branded or plain black football socks
- Football boots
- Outdoor trainers (mandatory)

Please Note: Hooded tops, tracksuit tops, leather jackets or denim coats are not permitted.

SCHOOL BAGS

- Must be able to carry an A4 book
- Made of a robust and weather resistant fabric



Information about uniform is on our webpage and will be emailed out in May.

The only parts of our uniform which are particular to our school are:

- Tie
- Blazer
- PE top

All other items can be purchased from local uniform shops or supermarkets.

Questions asked during the meeting:

Q: Is the 1st July transition day just for students?

A: Yes, this is the city-wide transition day where all Year 6 students spend the day at their new secondary school.

Q: How do we receive the school forms that we need to complete in May?

A: These forms are sent to you electronically through the My Child At School app- all instructions will be sent to you closer to the time via email.

Welcome to Erdington Academy

We share regular information and updates with families throughout the transition process.

Please contact the school if you have any questions—we are always happy to help.

We are here to support both students and their families every step of the way.