



# PADGATE ACADEMY

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Dear Parent or Carer

We are thrilled that your child will be joining us in September. The transition events meant we had some quality time to get to know our new Year 7 group. It was fantastic to meet them, and we were all impressed by their attitude and effort during the time they were in school. We hope that they are as excited as us to be starting at Padgate Academy in September.

I wish to share some important information with you around the arrangements for the new academic year.

## New term arrangements

Students will start school at 08.25 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. The school day is summarised below.

A reminder that our school day on Friday each week commences at 9.15am.

Day	Start time for students	End time for students
Monday – Thursday	08.25	15.05
Friday	09.15	15.05

Any student arriving after the above times, will be considered late for school.

## PRIDE values

Students receive an attitude to learning score each lesson in relation to how their work rate and conduct meet the high expectations with regards to our school values.

If you download the Arbor App it will give you an overview of your child's day and how they have engaged with learning. The scores will also be linked to student rewards. You can access scores using the Arbor app

## Uniform Expectations

Full Padgate uniform is expected from all students. This reflects our expectations that all students 'get the basics right' to ensure they can achieve and fulfil their academic potential.

## Equipment Expectations

As always, we expect students to be fully equipped for the school day. This includes a fully stocked pencil case including a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, and scientific calculator. This is not exhaustive but the basic equipment we expect all students to have every lesson. If your child is in an unfortunate situation to have mislaid their equipment, then it can be purchased from B5 every morning. It is also recommended that your child has a reusable bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.



### Catering

We enjoy working with Harrison's Catering Services who provide meals for our students. Since working with Harrison's they have introduced students to new tastes and promoted healthier food choices. The cost of a school meal is currently £2.40 however, from 1<sup>st</sup> October this year the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.60, this is below Warrington Local Authority's cost of £2.80 for this year. If you believe your child may be eligible for a free school meal, please apply using this link: [Free School Meals Application](#).

### Arbor App

Padgate Academy uses the Arbor Parent Portal. This system, can be accessed via the Arbor website or through the Arbor App, and will allow you to do the following things:

- Receive and reply to messages from school free of charge
- Change your phone number, address and contact information
- Give consent for photo, data, medical and other permissions for your child
- See your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement data in real time
- View your child's daily timetable
- Access your child's school reports as they become available
- Top up your child's school meal account, pay for trips/equipment

Please see more information on the links below

[Arbor Parent Portal \(padgateacademy.co.uk\)](https://padgateacademy.co.uk)

Finally, I look forward to us working together to support your child's achievement during their time at Padgate Academy and I would like to wish all our future students and families a happy, restful, and safe summer.

Yours faithfully

Adam McMillan  
Principal