

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Transition days

Your child will shortly be taking part in Y6 Transition days at Hurworth School, a very exciting part of his/her educational journey. These days are Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June 2025. I realise both you and your child may have questions about Transition days, all of which I hope to answer in this letter. Should you however have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via transition.enquiries@hurworth.nalp.org.uk

Day structure

Each day will begin at 9.45am and end at 2.30pm. Please drop off your child at 9.45am (a staff member will greet you at the front of school) and collect him/her at 2.30pm. Please note that Transition Day timings are different to the usual school day timings to alleviate congestion at the front of the school. We understand that some of the Year 6 students have a sibling at our school who is dropped off and collected each day in line with the usual school day timings, or who travels independently to and from school on public transport. If you require your child to follow the same transport routines as his/her sibling(s), I would be most grateful if you could get in touch with me via email so that I am aware of this arrangement. This is important so that I can arrange supervision of your child as his/her sibling will be in classes from 8.55 until 3.25pm. If your child will be arriving and leaving alone (walking/taxi/public transport), please confirm this arrangement via email otherwise we cannot release your child off site at the end of each day.

During Transition days, students will be grouped for lessons/activities, but these groups are not indicative of any final groupings for September. Each day your child will be in a different group so that he/she can make as many friends as possible prior to September. If you have any concerns about how your child will cope socially with Transition days, please get in touch with me and we can plan accordingly.

Upon arrival, your child will be offered toast and a drink free of charge in the canteen. At lunchtime, students may either bring a packed lunch, or they may choose a meal from the canteen. If your child is bringing a packed lunch, we request that you do not include any items which contain nuts. If your child is planning to choose a meal from the canteen, we request that on the first day (Wednesday 25th), your child brings in £7.50 in an envelope with his/her name written on. This will cover the cost of your child's meals for the three days. Our canteen operates a biometric cashless system; however, your child is not yet registered so cannot utilise this system during the Transition days. A menu will be made available to you over the coming weeks so that you and your child have an idea of what will be on offer in the canteen. Please note that if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we do not expect your child to hand in £7.50, and your child will of course receive a full meal each day.

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Uniform and equipment

On Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th, we request that students wear their usual primary school uniform and on Thursday 26th, we request that students wear their primary school PE kit. Please note that students are not permitted to wear jewellery (including earrings) and nor are students permitted to carry a mobile phone or wear a smart watch. If you require your child to carry a mobile phone/wear a smart watch for the journey to and from school, he/she may hand this into us at the start of the day and collect it at the end (it will be stored securely in the main office).

Students should arrive each day with a rucksack/school bag containing writing equipment (a pen and pencil as a minimum) and a bottle of water (which can be refilled throughout the days). Your child will be responsible for carrying his/her bag throughout the three days. We also recommend that your child brings a coat as appropriate to the weather as they will be outside for breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Medical and dietary needs

We are currently gathering medical and dietary information during our visits to primary schools. All medical information gathered will be shared with our staff prior to Transition days.

In addition to our conversations with the primary school, if your child does have medical or dietary needs, I encourage you to contact me via the email above as soon as possible so that we may also discuss these needs in detail with you and establish whether any additional arrangements need to be put in place for Transition days and September onwards. If your child requires medication, it is imperative that this medication is on site every day. We expect that all students who require inhalers, carry their own inhaler throughout the three days in their school bag. If your child requires an auto adrenaline injector (e.g. epipen/Jext), it is imperative that you contact me via email so we can set up a meeting or phone call to discuss arrangements for this in terms of whether your child self-carries or not and discuss his/her healthcare plan in detail.

If your child does require medication of any kind to be on site (handed in and stored by us or self-carried), please email me as soon as possible so that we can confirm arrangements.

SEND

We discuss your child's learning needs with his/her current class teacher and SENCO and we have access to his/her learning support plans. Any children with SEND needs will be identified to our staff prior to Transition days so that his/her needs are met. However, if you and/or your child have any concerns about this, please do get in touch and we can discuss this so that you feel reassured and confident for Transition days.

Y6 Information Evening

On Thursday 26th June, there will be a Y6 Information Evening for parents/carers. To ensure parents/carers can attend, we will be offering this event in two sittings. One presentation will start at 5pm and we will then repeat it at 5.45pm. Therefore, you may choose to attend the time that best suits you. Your child is of course welcome to attend this event. In addition to the presentation, you will have the opportunity to meet key staff and address any queries you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into the school for Year 6 Transition and we are confident that he/she will have many wonderful experiences during these days, resulting in him/her feeling confident and excited for September. If you have any queries in relation to Transition, please contact me via transition.enquiries@hurworth.nalp.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Fenby'.

Lisa Fenby
(Transition Lead)