



Parent Handbook for Year 7s in September 2026



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Welcome

Welcome to Kirkby High School.

I am extremely proud to be headteacher of our wonderful school which provides education to over 1000 11-16 year olds. We are oversubscribed for the 2026 Year 7 intake. All staff and I fully embrace our mission: **Maximising our Potential**.

Kirkby High School stands at the centre of our local community and we believe that we offer our young people guidance and aspiration to be the best they can be in all aspects of life. We want to provide all students with the opportunities to develop into well-rounded individuals, successfully both academically and personally. We are determined to ensure every child reaches their potential. **Our vision is a community driven by high expectations and mutual respect providing all individuals with the belief and opportunities to succeed now and in the future.**

We believe in building a culture of **resilience, kindness, respect, aspiration and confidence** in which our students can thrive. These are our Kirkby Child values. These values are a set of core principles for our students and underpin the whole ethos of our school.

Good relationships between school and home is key in developing young people successfully. Because this is crucial, parents/carers are invited to phone school anytime or to arrange to come into school for a visit and a tour. I am more than happy to accommodate this personally.

I hope you find all the information you need in this handbook. If you wish to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Mrs A Dobson
Headteacher

Intake Day

Your child will be invited to attend our intake day in the summer term. During this day, they will get to meet their form teacher and head of year as well as our school leaders who will be there to help them in September. They will work with key staff as well as be able to make friends with members of their new year group.

Alongside getting to know new people, they will begin to learn their way around the building and experience lunch and break time routines; all of which will help to make their transition as smooth as possible at the start of the new year.

There will also be an opportunity for you to meet key staff on Thursday 18th June.

INTAKE DAY

**Friday 26th June
8.40am - 2.55pm**

**Students will be required to make their own way to and from school
(lunch will be provided)**

Key Staff

Mrs Dobson - Headteacher

Mrs Turner - Deputy Headteacher

Mr Durrant - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Butler - Assistant Headteacher/Year 7 link

Miss Morrin - Head of Year 7

Mrs Ellis - Student Mentor Year 7

Mr Carroll - SENDCO

Mrs McDonald - Head of Inclusion

School Uniform

Kirkby High School will be providing all Year 7 students with a new school uniform for September 2026. Please ensure that you have completed your order form.

The **school** will provide the following for each student:

1 x school blazer, 1 x school tie, 1 x school jumper or cardigan, 1 x PE polo shirt, 1 x PE shorts, 1 x PE 1/4-zip top

Parent/carers will need to purchase the following:

White shirt, grey trousers or knee length skirt/slip, black socks, black leather shoes and school shoulder bag big enough to fit an A4 file.

School Uniform

Uniform

- Black blazer with badge
- Grey trousers/grey skirt or slip worn to knee length or longer
- White shirt/white blouse
- School tie (*must be tied at a sufficient length that shows the school badge*)
- Grey school badged cardigan or school badged V neck jumper
- Plain black socks
- Black flat heeled leather shoes (Kickers and patent leather shoes are fine but hybrid shoes sold as school shoes in the shops are not acceptable)
- A sensible bag large enough to carry A4 file.



PE Kit

- Black and purple school badged polo shirt
- Black school badged shorts
- Black school badged micro fleece or half-zip badged top or long sleeve school badged PE shirt
- Plain black socks (no football teams or logos)
- Training shoes (strictly no Vans, Converse, high tops or pumps)
- Optional - In colder weather: base layers/under armour type tops are acceptable (in black only).



Students are expected to bring a bag to school every day which is big enough to carry an A4 file.

As well as a bag, students will need: pencil case, pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, calculator, coloured pencils. They will be provided with a planner, knowledge organiser and homework folder.

School Uniform

Not Acceptable in School:

Students with piercings will be expected to remove them, so we recommend any new piercings are done at the start of the summer holiday so that they are sufficiently healed to allow their removal on return to school.

- **MOBILE PHONES/SMART WATCHES.** Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight when

students enter the school grounds.

Students will not be allowed to use mobile phones during break and lunch times. If students have mobile phones/headphones out during school time, the devices will be confiscated and

not returned until parents/carers collect them. This is to support a more positive learning attitude around the school.

- No jewellery, except a watch.
- No fashion/extreme hairstyles – hair should be of a “natural hair colour” without extreme highlights
- No make-up/nail polish/false nails/false eyelashes—students wearing these will be asked to remove them.
- No haircuts shorter than a crop with a No2 setting
- No haircuts with patterns/lines shaved into it (including Mohican/mullet styles).
- No handbags
- No piercings – covering piercings with plasters is not permitted



- No hoodies of any description.
- No aerosols or perfume sprays

Are students allowed to “customise” their uniform?

It is important that all our students look and feel good about themselves, which is why we insist on high standards of dress and appearance. Our

uniform helps students to achieve these high standards and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that our uniform is worn as intended. To help clarify some issues, here are some key points:

- Skirts: Should be knee length or longer. Skirts are available in a variety

of lengths at Kids Kirkby (some may need to be

ordered) so that all girls should be able to comply with this requirement.

- Tie: Should be worn at the length intended with the school logo clearly visible below the knot.
- Shirts: Should be tucked in at all times.
- Blazers: Should be worn at all times unless permission to remove them has been sought and given by the class teacher (or the Headteacher).

We advise that all items of equipment and uniform, especially blazers and outdoor coats, are clearly labelled with the student’s name.

Timings of the School Day

School starts at 8.40a.m and finishes at 3.10p.m every day.

Reg	8.40 - 9.10
Lesson 1	9.10 - 10.10
Lesson 2	10.10 - 11.10
Break	11.10 - 11.25
Lesson 3	11.25 - 12.25
Lesson 4	12.25 - 1.25
Lunch	1.25 - 2.10
Lesson 5	2.10 - 3.10

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026 Tuesday 1 September Friday 18 December
Half term Monday 26 October Friday 30 October

Spring term 2027 Monday 4 January Thursday 25 March
Half term Monday 15 February Friday 19 February

Summer term 2027 Monday 12 April Tuesday 20 July
Half term Monday 31 May Friday 4 June

School closed to students

Monday 4th September 2026 (Staff Training)
Thursday 3rd December 2026 (Staff Training)
Friday 4th December 2026 (Holiday)
Monday 4th January 2027 (Staff Training)

Curriculum for Behaviour

The Kirkby Code

In line with our Kirkby Child Values and our Kirkby Code, students will be taught and know the below expectations and routines.

**As part of our Kirkby Code,
we expect students to:**

**Allow
teachers to
teach, and
students to
learn**

**Be prepared
to learn, with
the correct
equipment**

**Be respectful
to others,
and our
environment**

**Do things
first time,
every time**

**Do all things
to the best of
my ability**

**MAXIMISING OUR
POTENTIAL**

KINDNESS

RESILIENCE

ASPIRATION

RESPECT

CONFIDENCE



The Kirkby Child



Arbor

At Kirkby High School we use Arbor to share a range of information with parents/carers and students. This includes homework tasks, attendance information and behaviour points.

Arbor can be accessed through our school website:
www.kirkbyhighschool.net / for parents / Arbor

Please look out for an email or text invitation with further instructions on setting up your log in.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.



School meals

Kirkby High School operates a biometric cashless catering system for our staff and students. The system uses an image of a fingerprint to create a unique digital signature and then discards the fingerprint. No actual fingerprint will be kept on record. Please complete the consent form for your child to be registered for biometrics.

Students can top up their account using the cash deposit machines located in the atrium (please note no copper coins accepted) by placing their finger on the sensor followed by inserting the cash. Alternately you can use the Arbor Parent App.

Students who receive free school meals will receive their allocation each morning. Please advise your child not to spend all their allocation at breaktime as they may not have enough for lunch.





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