

Toynbee School

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21st July 2026

Dear parents,

As this term draws to a close, I wanted to send you an update regarding preparations for September so that our new pupils feel confident ahead of starting with us.

Please remember that the [Transition page](#) on our school website is full of resources and information to support pupils' transition. The videos that Mrs Vallance and I created also walk you through Toynbee life so I strongly suggest that you watch these, if you have not already done so.

Wednesday 2nd September: Pupils' First Day

Pupils are to arrive at school for 8:30 in their full Toynbee uniform and are to go straight to the Sports Hall.

The school day will finish at the normal time of 3pm.

Please note that pupils will have their school photo taken on their first day.

Pupils will need to bring the following with them:

- A pencil case
- A water bottle
- A school bag
- Any snacks they may want to eat at breaktime
- A pair of trainers
- A packed lunch, if they wish to have one

The Kitchen @ Toynbee will not be open at breaktime for pupils, but will be open at lunchtime for pupils to be able to buy lunch. This is a perfect opportunity for pupils to practise using the canteen whilst no other year group is in school.

We will be setting pupils' fingerprints up in the morning to be able to use the cashless purchasing system in the canteen. You will need to put money onto your child's account on Arbor for them to be able to access this, or send them in with cash to load onto their account themselves.

We will only be able to set your child up on our cashless purchasing system if you have given biometric consent. You will have done this by completing the following form that we sent out in March.

[Year 7 - September 2026 Data Collection Form – Fill in form](#)



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Uniform

Full details regarding our school uniform can be found on our school website, accessible [via this link](#) and our page on Skoolkit website is [here](#).

To avoid you making unnecessary purchases, I wish to clarify the following:

- Only jumpers/sweatshirts with the Toynbee logo are permitted
- If your child chooses to wear black school trousers, they are to be tailored. Leggings- whether straight or flared- are not permitted as school trousers
- If your child chooses to wear black shorts for PE, they need to be of an appropriate length and fit. The PE department will ask pupils to change into a spare pair of shorts if they are not deemed to be suitable for a school setting.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that, [from September 2026](#), smartphones, smartwatches and any device with internet access will be classed as a prohibited item and should be left at home; basic phones without internet access remain permitted for travel purposes but must be switched off and kept in pupils' bags at all times. Pupils will still be able to contact home, or be contacted by us, through the school office as usual.

The Summer Reading Project

Pupils were all given a copy of 'Fake' by Ele Fountain in the goodie bags that we gave to pupils on their induction day. Our ambition is that all pupils will read this text over the summer holidays; the book deals with the themes of transition, navigating technology, and making new friendships, which we feel are important and relevant themes to all pupils!

Pupils were also given a booklet that details the Summer Reading Project, including activities they can complete whilst reading the book, details of a competition they can enter, and chapter summaries to support you in talking to your child about what they are reading.

Ele Fountain will be visiting the year group in September, when she will lead an assembly to the whole year group, will judge the entries to the competition, host some writing workshops and do a book signing.



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Arbor

In the coming days, we will be able to fully enrol your child on Arbor. You will receive a notification email that will enable you to begin the process of logging in.

This is a useful guide from Arbor that can you walk you through how the use the platform: [A quick introduction to Arbor for guardians and parents – Arbor Help Centre](#)

Arbor will be what you use to upload money onto your child's account in order to make purchases from our school canteen: The Kitchen @ Toynbee. Your child can also bring in cash and put it into a machine in the canteen, which will then load it onto your child's account.

I hope that the above information is useful for your preparations for September. Please do not hesitate to contact the transition team on transition@toynbee.hants.sch.uk if you have any questions or worries.

I wish you and your family a restful summer holidays.

Kindest regards,

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