

YEAR 8

Title of email: **Weekly Parent Update – Preparing for starting school Friday**

Dear parents/carers

We look forward to welcoming your child to school Friday

- **Year 8 Induction Day 1 – Friday 9th September** (Y7 & 10 not in school) 8:25 – 4pm– bring chromebooks
- **Year 8 Induction Day 2 – Monday 12th September** 8:25 – 4pm– bring chromebooks
- For your information, new pupil photographs for school cards will be taken in school on Tuesday morning by professional photographers

Parking when dropping off and collecting

We appreciate all the parents who use the Barnet Playing Fields car park (past the school on Barnet Lane and it's on the left, to the south of the site).

Please do not park on someone's drive or block the footpath by parking on that. We have 3 residents on Westcombe Drive & one on Fairfax place who have explicitly asked that parents do not block their drives.

Our staff will be around in the morning and afternoon for duty – we will ask you to move your car if we notice parking is an issue. Thank you for your support – this really helps to have safe roads, travel to school and build positive relationships with our neighbours.

Welcome to Pioneer – Tours during the school day for our parents

We are very excited to invite parents on site for a 'Welcome to Pioneer' parents session.

If you have already booked, please don't book a second session – you will receive an email confirming your place by the end of the week.

Click here to request a place: <https://forms.office.com/r/27SV4FzwPj>

Year 8 Pastoral Team this year

Mr Burton will oversee Key Stage 3 as Assistant Principal. Year 8 will be continue to be led by **Head of Year, Ms Butler-Hardy**. You will receive an introductory email from your child's tutor listed below – they are your main contact for issues related to school.

You can see a full staff list with roles on our website here: <https://arkpioneer.org/about-us/staff-list>

8 Hoy	Mr Critchley
8 Obama	Ms Sultana
8 Rapinoe	Ms Mihaila
8 Singh	Ms Riches
8 Tubman	Ms Nolan
8 Winfrey	Ms Secluna
Co-tutors	Mr Muxworthy, Mr Grande & Mr Aristotelous

Uniform, equipment & school food - reminder

All pupils should be in full school uniform on the first day (not PE kit). Uniform information is on our website [here](#). Pupils also need a professional pencil case and scientific calculator & Pioneer school bag.

Food will be provided free of charge on the first induction day. Please ensure that your child's iPayimpact account is **topped up from 12th onwards** if your child is having school breaks or lunches. Any snacks brought in by pupils should be healthy and not contain peanuts due to allergies.

A reminder **breakfast** is available from 8am when the gates open and is free of charge for any FSM pupil.

Parent Volunteers needed: Afternoon supervision duty – 15 min

We are still looking for volunteers to do duty for 15 minutes in the afternoon. Parents would need to arrive just before 4pm, can use the staff car park if driving and we would issue you with a high vis. You would help us with supporting pupil crossing on Westcombe Drive / top of Barnet Lane. Our leaders will be on duty at

the gate and beyond that point - we want to spend more time next year up at the bridge/across from M & S Garage/Tesco to ensure pupils get off home safely every day. Your child can wait inside in reception or in the library so they are not outside waiting for you. **Please email info@arkpioneer.org if you are interested.**

Best wishes
Ms Ryan

