



Harrow Way Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome you as a member of the Harrow Way Community. We look forward to working closely with you over the next five years.

First, let me introduce you to our system of e-mail communication. Your email address that was provided to us by the local authority has now been added to a distribution list for our Year 7 September Intake. We use this distribution list to send information, which relates either to just your child's year group or to the whole school.

Additionally, you will be included in our weekly parents E-News just before the half term break, which updates parents on what has happened in school during the week as well as meetings and activities planned for the next week. After half term, there will be messages specifically aimed at our rising Year 7 students so please do take a look.

Transition Arrangements

We are thrilled to welcome students to our school this year for our Induction Day on **Tuesday 7th July 2026**. We are offering children a free school lunch on the day. If your child would like one, please complete this [form](#) to help the kitchen staff with numbers. Children will choose from a range of options on the day.

In the evening, we would like to invite parents to join us for our Welcome Evening; please note children do not need to attend the evening with parents. More details about these events will be shared in due course. In addition, our SENCO, Mrs Emma Law, has kindly offered to host a SENCO Forum that day for parents whose children have Special Educational Needs and those who have particular questions they would like to ask. You can book a place at the forum using the Preference Form link below.

Welcome Pack

Of particular interest to you will be the Welcome Pack, which will be posted to your home address at the start of June 2026. We will use either your address given to us by the local authority, or one subsequently updated by you. If you do not receive a welcome pack by **Friday 19th June**, please contact us at school on 01264 364533 to check we have your correct address details.

Getting to know your child



To aid our planning for September, we would be very grateful if you would take a moment to complete our [Preferences Form](#) by **Friday 22nd May 2026**. We are keen to know if you have a strong preference as to which Modern Foreign Language your child would like to learn. We cannot promise to fulfil everyone's wishes, but will certainly do our best.

Disco for new Students

Our PTA would like to invite our future Year 7 students to a Welcome Disco on **Wednesday 8th July**. More details will be shared nearer the time, but please signal your interest in the disco on the Preferences Form (link above).

School Uniform - changes for September 2026

School uniform is an important part of school life. It helps create a sense of belonging and pride, and ensures students are dressed appropriately for learning each day.

Over time, expectations around dress - both in schools and in the wider workplace - have evolved. Having reflected carefully, we believe that aspects of our current uniform were not only costly for families, but also no longer fully reflect a modern, comfortable, and purposeful approach to school life.

Throughout this academic year, we have been consulting on changes to our school uniform and made some considered changes to ensure our uniform remains smart, affordable, and better suited to learning. Taking all feedback into account, the governors and I have agreed on the following uniform from September 2026:

- Students will be allowed to wear a grey polo shirt, which may be bought at any outlet.
- We are introducing a green jumper with the Harrow Way logo.
- Plain black trainers will be allowed on the condition that there are no visible logos.

We are also pleased to confirm that, in line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), we will now have two uniform suppliers: Happy Fish and Stitch a Logo. This will give families greater choice and flexibility. They will supply the jumper and the PE kit. More information will be included in the Welcome Pack.

Website – New Intake Page

This page will be updated shortly with essential information for our new starters. There will also be some welcome videos: one from your child's Year Leader and one from the Student Leadership Team and of course individual tutor messages. (Information about your child's tutor group will be included in the Welcome Pack).

We look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D L German
Headteacher