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Co-op Academy  
Walkden

May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Transition Taster Days - Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June 2024

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2024. To help your child have the best start possible at Co-op Academy Walkden, we are arranging for all new students to spend two days with us on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 2024. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know your child and for your child to experience what secondary school life will be like.

Please ensure that your child's primary school is aware that your child will be attending. There is a slip at the bottom of the letter that you can use to advise your child's primary school teacher that they will not be in school on these two days.

If for any reason your child will **not** be attending, please email us at:

[walkden.transition@coopacademies.co.uk](mailto:walkden.transition@coopacademies.co.uk)

### Meeting points and times

Your child is invited to join us from 8.45am to 2.45pm on both Transition Days. There are two entrance points to our school; one situated on Old Clough Lane and one situated just off Birch Rd. Students will need to make their way to the student entrance, where our staff and student well being and transition ambassadors will be ready to greet them and direct them to the sports hall.

Please note that we will not be able to grant entry to students before 8.45am due to current students entering the building.

The day will finish at 2.45pm. If your child will be joining a sibling at the end of the school day, please ask them to plan and organise in advance a meeting point outside of school where their sibling can join them at 3pm. Parents will not be permitted to enter the school so we would ask if you are accompanying your child to school, that you leave them at the school gates.

### What to bring

Each student will need to bring a pencil case containing a pen/pencil/ruler and a reusable water bottle to fill up throughout the day. They should wear their current primary school uniform and bring a pair of trainers with them. Please ensure all belongings are clearly named. Our transition and well being ambassadors will be there to help and support students on the day.

All students will receive a complimentary bagel at morning break and a complimentary grab bag at lunch, this will be made up of a cold sandwich and a piece of fruit. If you would like your child to receive this please complete [this form](#).

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If your child would prefer to bring their own packed lunch they may do so. Please note we have a no nuts, energy or fizzy drinks policy. Please note we will not be serving hot food on these days and students will not be able to make purchases.

The day will help your child to familiarise themselves with the journey to and from school, school routines as well as meeting lots of staff. They will have a fully prepared programme which will include assemblies, school tours, a school photograph for their Arbor profile and of course some taster lessons in different subjects.

## Travelling to school

The school is served well by commercial bus services. Please check an online journey planner to ensure your child is familiar with the route and which bus to take. You can find more information about how to apply for a pass, along with bus schedules, by following [this link](#).

Your child is also welcome to cycle to school, we have bike sheds to store bikes but it's essential your child brings a bike lock. Please note, we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to bikes.

In the interest of student safety, if travelling by car, please note that you will not be able to drive onto the school car park, and as such should find a suitable parking space near to school. The front of school is always very congested and we would ask you to please respect our residents when choosing where to drop your child or when waiting for them at the end of the day.

We look forward to meeting your child and giving them the best possible experience as they venture into their secondary school life. We know this can sometimes cause nerves for both pupils and parents, but please be assured that we have a fantastic pastoral team at hand to help make transition as smooth as possible.

## Personal Development Groups

You will receive another letter ahead of transition day detailing your child's Personal Development (Tutor) group. Please note we are not able to change these; careful consideration and selection has gone into creating the groups. We encourage students to develop friendship skills and build their independence and resilience by being in groups with peers who they may, or may not, know and do not create these groups based on friendships.

Students attend these groups for 30 minutes each day and will be in lessons with a variety of other students throughout each day.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via our email [walkden.transition@coopacademies.co.uk](mailto:walkden.transition@coopacademies.co.uk)

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Best wishes

Miss M Hamilton  
Head of Year 7 & Transition Coordinator.

*Please detach this slip and return to your child's primary school*

To: Year 6 Class Teacher of..... Primary School.

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I give permission for ..... to attend both transitions days.