

26 August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and that our students are soon ready to return for the new term, refreshed and enthused for the months ahead!

Our fortnightly Elton Times newsletter will continue to provide a comprehensive update of relevant news, updates and notices, with the first issue of the new term being sent on Friday 12th September. However, prior to the start of September I feel it is appropriate to give good notice about a number of important items for this new term.

First day of term – Tuesday 2nd September

As we have done in previous years there will be a slightly staggered start to the new term, so as to allow our newest students the chance to work within their form groups and get their bearings, as well as giving our most senior students the opportunity to have more tailored time for themselves.

8.40am – All Year 7 and 11 students,

11.10am – All other year groups; Years 8/9/10. Students to report to the main school yard and gather in assigned form groups.

Following that first day, we will revert to the usual timings thereafter, with all students expected in school for 8.40am. Our daily timetable remains the same, with the school day ending at 3.10pm.

Daily Expectations

Our strong reputation remains based on the positive manner in which our students follow the expectations of the Elton Way, promoting Ambition, Resilience and Kindness. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these points from a home perspective and continuing to work closely with us so that standards are maintained. Key elements of our daily processes are as follows -

Mobile Phones – As outlined in the various communications last term, from this new school year Elton becomes a 'No Phone' school. If a student wishes to bring a phone to school then they will place it in a secure locker at the start of each school day and collect it at the end of the day. If anyone is seen with a phone during the school day then it will be confiscated immediately, a sanction will be issued and parents will be required to collect it. Staff will also endeavour not to use their phones around students during school hours. The response that we have received from parents/carers about this policy has been so positive and we have no doubt that it will further reinforce a productive learning climate across our school.

Uniform - We are grateful for your continued support in ensuring that all of our students wear their uniform correctly and arrive at school for the first term looking smart and prepared. The link below provides clear details of our uniform, ensuring that our expectations are crystal clear. We will obviously check all students at the beginning of the new term and then continue to do so, on a regular basis, to ensure that their own presentation reflects our high expectations.

Link to [Elton School Uniform](#)



SatchelOne – This system worked well last year and we will continue to use it as the key communication format with parents/carers. As outlined at the end of the summer term, detentions will now be set and completed on the same day, except from 1.20pm when they would be carried forward to the following day. All homework notifications – as well as attendance and general behaviour notices – will also be provided through this app. It is therefore crucial that all parents/carers routinely check the notifications on SatchelOne as a matter of routine.

Parents of new starters will receive a direct invite so as to set up an account for the SatchelOne system. If you have any questions at this point then please contact Ms Warden or Mr Thompson (Senior Staff) through the addresses below. Further to this, please also let us know if you have made any changes to your own email address so that we can update our records and keep in contact with you as required.

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School Buses - Update

Bus services remain under the control of Greater Manchester Transport Service. Updated bus timetables and ticket information can be found on this section of their [Bee Network website](#).

Canteen Payments - Update

We continue to operate a cashless system within our canteen, with parents topping up the children's accounts online as necessary. Years 8-11 already have full access to this system and parents/carers and top up their accounts on the iPayImpact system. For our new Year 7 students, we have recently sent out login details for [iPayImpact](#) and parents/carers will need to top-up with funds by the start of the new term. For those students with facial recognition permission (given via the school's Admission Form), they will be scanned in the first few days of term. For any students eligible for Free School Meals at primary school, this should automatically roll forward to Elton.

Forthcoming Events

School photos for all students will take place *Tuesday 9th September* (the second week of term).

Our open events are scheduled from the end of September. Open Days are *Tuesday 30th September / Wednesday 1st October*, while our Open Evening is due to take place on *Thursday 2nd October*. Please note that school will close at the earlier time of 1.20pm on Thursday 2nd, so that preparations can be made for the evening, and there is a staff training day the following day, on Friday 3rd.

More details of these and other events will obviously be provided closer to the time through the Elton Times.

Staffing

As is the case every year, we are delighted to welcome some new faces to our staff team for September. I know that our students will welcome them positively and they will all prove to be extremely strong additions to our school.

Ms Davies – Assistant Headteacher (Teaching/Learning)

Ms Cooper – English Department

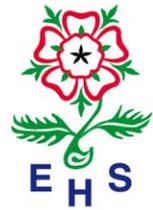
Mr Greenwood – PE Department

Mr Cleverley – Languages Department



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Headteacher: Mr J C Wilton MA (Hons.)

Ms Mather – Maths Department

Mrs Walsh – Joining the SEN/Student Support Team

Mr Shams and Miss Yeremyeyeva – Joining the Admin team

I hope that this provides a clear and useful update about our plans for the new term. We are really looking forward to the new school year and continuing to build upon the hard work and successes of recent times. As always, feel free to follow up any questions or queries with myself directly through the email address below and many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

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