

7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our pupils, families and communities across Bridge Schools as we begin another exciting school year.

The start of a new academic year is always a special time as children return with the energy, enthusiasm and curiosity that inspire learning and growth.

We are particularly delighted to welcome the many new pupils and families joining the Bridge Schools community for the first time. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and daunting, but I know that our talented and caring staff teams will ensure that every child feels supported from their very first day.

Home School Agreement/ Parental Consents

As in previous years, it is very important that we hold the most up-to-date information on our school systems. We would therefore be grateful if you could take a few minutes over the coming days to log into your Arbor Parent Portal or App to review both your own details and your child's information, making any necessary updates. Please ensure that we have details for at least two emergency contacts on file.

Any changes you make will automatically update the school's records. Once logged in, you will also find the 2026/27 Home School Agreement available to review. Parental consents must be completed for every child to enable participation in activities such as photography, viewing PG-rated films, attending local sporting events and accessing approved learning platforms.

Please note that, without the appropriate consent, your child may not be able to participate in certain activities.

If you do not currently use the Arbor Parent Portal or App and would like to do so, please contact the School Office, who will arrange for login details to be sent to you. If you do not have internet access, the School Office can provide a paper version for completion instead.

Please also be aware that where we do not receive a response, the system will automatically record a status of 'No Consent' until confirmation is received.

If you have any questions regarding the Home School Agreement or parental consents, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Bridge Schools Initial Teacher Training

This year marks an exciting milestone for Bridge Schools as we launch our own Initial Teacher Training programme and welcome our first cohort of trainee teachers. We are delighted that they have chosen to begin their teaching journey with us. If you know anyone who may be considering a career in teaching, applications for our 2027 cohort will open next month. In the meantime, we would be very happy to answer any questions from prospective applicants, so please encourage them to get in touch.

Contact: training@bridgeschools.co.uk

Websites

Over the summer, we refreshed the Bridge Schools website, making it easier to find information and keep up to date with news from across our family of schools. The site includes links to all of our individual school websites, and we encourage you to explore them for a real flavour of the wonderful learning, achievements and community activities taking place every day. Later this half term, we will also be launching a Bridge Schools Facebook page, creating another opportunity to share news, achievements and highlights from across the Trust – watch this space!

This year promises to be another exciting one. We look forward to celebrating successes, embracing new opportunities and strengthening our partnerships with families to provide the very best experiences for every child in our care.

I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable start to the new term.

With very best wishes,

Louise Gilbert and everyone at Bridge Schools