

Valley Park School



Transition Information Bulletin - Issue 1 - June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this Transition Information Bulletin finds you well and that you had a relaxing half term. As we approach closer to the end of the school year I'd like to share with you the first bulletin of the term. This bulletin has some useful information about the transition dates, uniform, the school day, and much more. Following this there will be short videos shared with you about more of our schools systems and processes to ensure that all of the information isn't shared with you in one big go. We do hope that these bulletins are useful and will help answer the many questions I know you must be having.

Wishing you all a fantastic Term 6

Important Transition Dates

We are excited to welcome you and your child to Valley Park School! Here are some key dates to help you prepare for our transition events in July and September

- **Soft Transition Event (Invite Only):**
 - **30 June - 8:45 arrival - 12:00 dismissal**
 - **1 July - 8:45 arrival - 14:30 dismissal**

Soft Transition is an opportunity for your child to explore Valley Park in a smaller group, before the whole year transition. This year the soft transition will run over two days. Day 1 is just for the students invited in who have SEND, and who may need additional observations and support. Day 2 is for the SEND students invited in and an additional 20-30 students who may be anxious so they can work with their Head of Year prior to full transition day.

- **Transition Day (All Students):**
 - **2 July - 8:45 arrival - 14:30- dismissal**

The full transition day is an opportunity for all students to meet one another, to find out their futures groups and their Houses. The day is full of ice breakers, exploring the schools values, tours, a range of lessons and an opportunity to earn house achievement points for your house which count towards the total house achievement points for this years house competition.

Parents will receive a letter shortly inviting students in for the transition days with further information about lunch, attire and timings for the day. More detailed information about transition can be found on our website: valleypark.viat.org.uk/transition

School Uniform

Uniform Requirements:

You can choose to wear

- Trousers, with a grey jumper, a white shirt, Valley Park tie and green blazer
- A grey Valley Park skirt with a grey jumper, a white shirt, Valley Park tie and green blazer
- Valley Park grey skirt and green blazer, with the white opened reversed neck shirt, grey jumper and green Blazer

The jumper is optional at Valley Park School and a blazer should be worn at all times.

Under the new guidelines, **from September 2026**, there will only be four compulsory branded items:

- Blazer (no change to existing item)
- Grey skirt/trousers (no change to existing item)
- PE top (no change to existing item)
- Tie (new style)

Where to Buy:

Uniform can be purchased at [Pages](#) or [Monkhouse](#) - both locations are local and have online shops. Pages are running an exclusive fitting event on the 16th June, 23rd June and the 9th July. If you book a fitting during these times they are offering 10% off a full uniform purchase.

You can also find out more information on uniform on our school website - [click here](#)

The School Day

- **School Start Time:** 8:25 - ready for the morning futures session at 8:30 - 9:00
- **School End Time:** 15:05 - however we have lots of **VP+** opportunities (clubs) that run after school until 16:05
- **Morning Break:** 11:00
- **Lunch Time:** 13:20

iPad Scheme

Valley Park School is committed to enhancing learning through technology. All students will participate in our 1:1 iPad Learning Programme. Further details regarding the scheme, expectations, and any associated information will be provided shortly. This will come from our Admissions Team.

Thank-you, Parent Summit

A sincere thank you to all parents who attended our recent Parent Summit. Your engagement and support are invaluable as we partner together for your child's success. When you arrive in September should you wish to become a Parent Champion and support the school by sharing your thoughts, then please do email manager@valleypark.viat.org.uk



Action Required

Please complete the following forms to help us finalise your child's transition:

- Getting to know you:** This was the first form we sent out. Please only complete if you *haven't* done so already. This form allows us to find out more about your child, such as their favourite books and hobbies and the best way we can help them in their studies.
[#WEAREVALLEYPARKTRANSITION 2026 – Fill in form](#)
- Did you miss the 1 to 1 meeting?:** Please complete this form to provide us with any additional information to support your Child's transition:
[Transition Year 6 information One to Ones 2026 – Fill in form](#)
If you are unsure about any answers to the questions then please put N/A. If you attended the one to ones then you do not need to do this.

Summer School - Expression of interest

Date: Week commencing 17th August

Valley Park Summer School aims to be a five day opportunity, planned with a focus on pupil premium, vulnerable students and high prior attainers who will be joining in September.

The summer school will host a range of activities along with an educational visit to Leeds Castle. This is a free opportunity and for four out of the five days food will be provided. We would like to see how many families would be interested in this summer school opportunity before we send out our invite for the event. Please complete the form below to express your interest. Please complete by 12 June 2026.

[Valley Park Summer School Expression of interest – Fill in form](#)

Free online resources

You may be worried about your child's transition if this is the first time you're experiencing it, so here are a few links to some free online sessions which offer support and help you connect with other parents who may be feeling the same way you do.

- Stepping up into secondary - Kent Adult Education - 7/7/26 - [click here](#)
- Helping your child start school - KCC - [click here](#)

[Moving up to secondary school for children with additional considerations](#) [Moving up to secondary school](#)

Questions? Contact Us

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Sincerely,

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