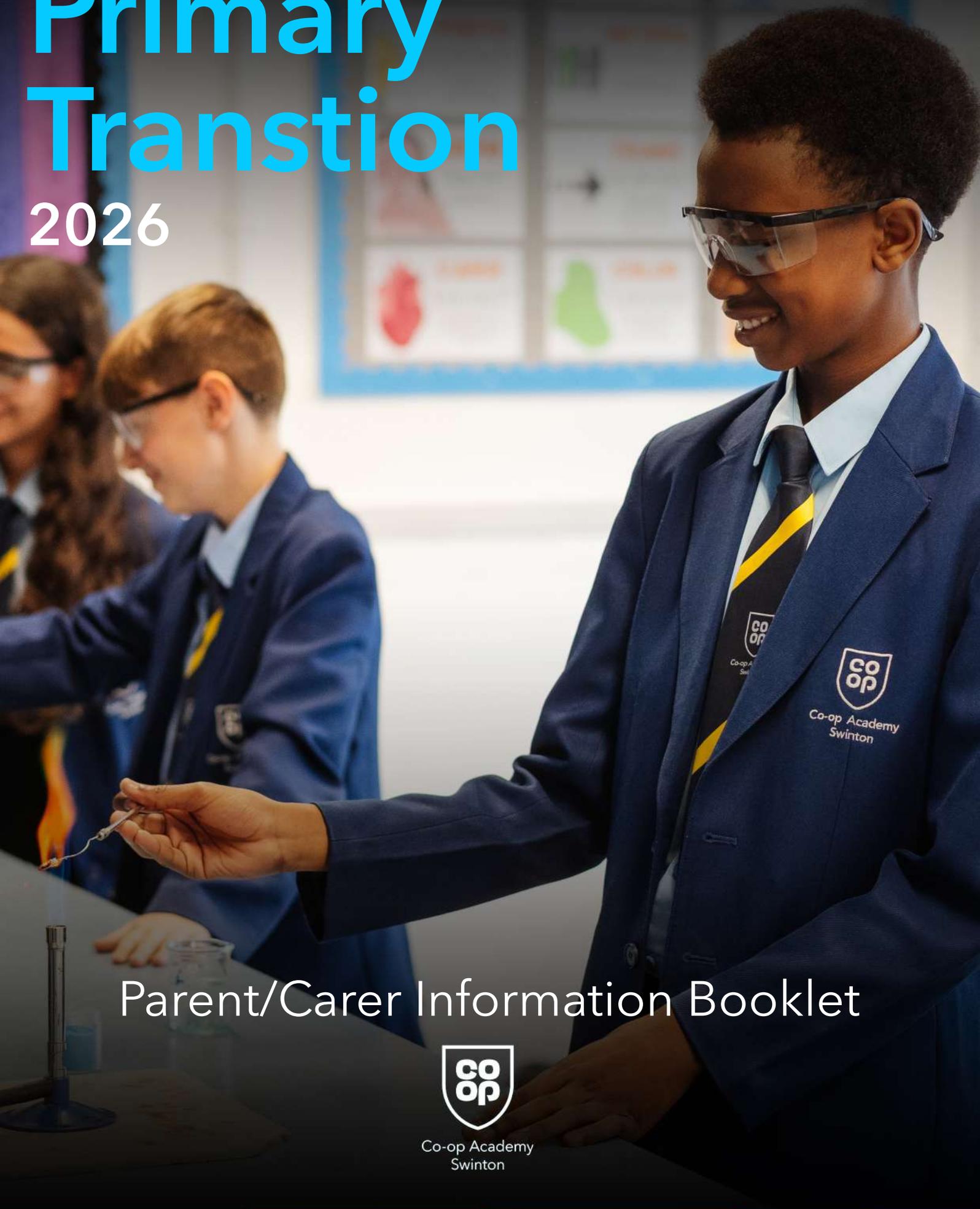


Co-op Academy Swinton

Primary Transition

2026



Parent/Carer Information Booklet



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Dear parent/carer

This booklet contains a calendar of transition events and information about all the important consent forms you **must complete online** by **Friday 29th May 2026**.

You can find all of this information, and more, on our academy website: www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk

If there's anything you can't find an answer for or you would like to ask a question, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Year 7 team at: transition@swinton.coopacademies.co.uk

Welcome

We look forward to forging a positive partnership with you and your child.



Our Year 7 Team, Mrs Chambers, Miss Daley

On behalf of our Principal, Mrs Ali, and all our staff we would like to welcome you and your child to Co-op Academy Swinton. It is always an exciting time for both parents and children when changing schools but be assured, you are in the best hands.

We have a well established programme with our primary schools and your child will already be quite familiar with staff and the building by the time September comes.

Our website www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk will provide you with all the information you will need ahead of the start of the new term in September but if there is anything we can help you with along the way before then, please get in touch with our Year 7 team at: transition@swinton.coopacademies.co.uk or call us on: **0161 794 6215**.

All our Primary Transition information for 2026, including links to the important forms you must complete before your child joins us can be found on our website at: <https://www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Primary+Transition+2024&pid=151>

On the page you will find:

- **Consent Forms** - This must be completed before Friday 29th May 2026.
- **Meet our Year 7 Team** - an introduction from Mrs Chambers (Assistant Vice Principal), Miss Daley (Head of Year).
- **Calendar of Key Dates** - the full list of all key events for Primary Transition
- **Primary Intake Parents' Evening** - your invite to join us for an introduction to the academy.

Please complete the online RSVP to let us know you're attending

We look forward to forging a positive partnership with you and your child and to meeting you on **Thursday 18th June 2026 at 4:30pm** at our Primary Intake Evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the team in person and collect items of free school equipment.

Please Note: Take a moment to read through the checklist on the final page of this booklet to ensure you've completed all the documents we need to receive from you.

Calendar of Key Dates



In-School Visits:

From week commencing **Monday 1st May** our Co-op Academy Swinton Primary Transition Team will begin to visit the children in their primary school settings, speaking to all Year 6 students.



Deadline for completing online forms:

By **Friday 29th May** you must have completed and submitted the following online forms, found on our academy website: shorturl.at/FsPpm or by using the URL links below:



Transition Intake Form 2026

<https://forms.gle/Ed8ab7zbdxxABgoE8>



Primary Intake Days:

Our Primary Intake Days are two fun filled days for the children, spent with us here at Co-op Academy Swinton on **Thursday 25th June** and **Friday 26th June**.

During the two days children follow a typical timetable to give them an insight to our academy routine and what a typical day looks like. They'll have the opportunity to look around the school and learn all about our Co-op values, procedures and expectations and take part in a culinary challenge.

Please arrive at the academy by 8:20am on both days, students can arrive from 8:00am for breakfast club. All students will receive a free school meal and breakfast snack for the two days. Children who receive free school meals will receive their entitlement as normal. Travel for your child to and from Co-op Academy Swinton must be organised by parents/carers.

Although our activities are planned to start at 8:30 we would love your child to join us for a welcome breakfast at 8am to kickstart their day.

Time: 8:30am-2:45pm (On Thursday 25th June your child must wear their full primary school uniform and on Friday 26th June your child must wear their primary school PE kit).



Calendar of Key Dates



Primary Intake Parents' Evening:

Principal, Mrs Zarina Ali, invites all parents/carers of Year 6 students to our Primary Intake Parents' Evening on **Thursday 18 June** at **4:30pm**.

You'll have the opportunity to meet our Principal, Senior Leadership Team, Year 7 Transition Team and Form Tutors with the opportunity to ask any questions and meet other parents/carers.

All of the teachers, staff and Senior Leadership Team are looking forward to meeting our new students and their parents and carers and we would ask you to make a special effort to attend the evening. We will be giving you lots of important information, which should help you settle in with us. Your involvement on this evening is the start of what will be a successful five-year journey together.

Time: 4:30pm-5:15pm (doors open from 4:15pm)



Nurture Taster Sessions:

From week commencing **Monday 29th June**, these sessions are arranged for specific children only (we will be in contact with the students involved) which will have been agreed between their primary school and ourselves. Travel for your child to and from Co-op Academy Swinton will be organised with their primary school.

Time: The Nurture team will be in contact regarding specific dates and times.



First Day!

Your child's first day at Co-op Academy Swinton is **Thursday 3 September 2026**. Children should arrive at school for 8:20am and be wearing their full **Co-op Academy Swinton uniform**.

Useful information

Uniform

Some uniform items can be bought at shops of your choice. However, certain items can only be bought from Whittakers Schoolwear or Debonair Schoolwear

Whittakers:

123-125 Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford, M27 4AA

www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/swinton/the-swinton-high-school/

Debonair (online only):

<http://debonairschoolwearwythenshawe.co.uk>

Your School Uniform



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Be ready to learn with all the uniform you need!

Here is what your child will need:

- Navy Academy Logo Blazer
- Academy Tie
- Grey V-Neck Jumper
- Plain Light Blue Shirt, traditional with collar.
- Plain Black Tailored Trousers
- Plain Black Smart Shoes
(Any Headscarfs or Headbands must be plain black)

PE Kit

- Navy Academy Logo PE Multi-top
 - Navy Academy Logo PE T-Shirt
 - Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms or Navy Shorts/Skorts
- Girls may wear plain black leggings in winter.
Trainers

All your school uniform needs are easily available at our uniform suppliers:
- Whittakers, 123-125 Chorley Rd, Swinton, Manchester M27 4A
- Debonairs (online only)
<https://debonairschoolwearwythenshawe.co.uk>

Everyday Equipment

- Black Pen, Green Pen, Pencil, Rubber, Pencil Case, Scientific Calculator and Ruler
- A Rucksack, able to accommodate PE Kit, A4 sized books and all other equipment



All Year 7 students are entitled to the following 3 school-branded items **free of charge**:

- Navy Academy Logo Blazer
- Academy Tie
- Navy Academy Logo PE T-Shirt

Vouchers for uniform items will be collected in school. More details to follow.

For our full list of uniform requirements please visit:
<https://www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk/parents/uniform>

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Our Year 7 cohort will be entitled to 3 academy-branded items **free of charge** in September 2026. These are as follows:

- **Academy blazer**
- **Academy tie**
- **Academy PE t-shirt**

Vouchers for uniform items will be collected in school. More details to follow

Please see our academy website for full uniform details including our rules around no jewellery, no make-up and guidelines for hairstyles.

Useful information

Academy Day

The structure of our academy day is shown in the table below. PLEASE NOTE: Students are not allowed off the academy site during break or lunch time.

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8:30am-9:40am	Lesson 1
9:40am-10:40am	Lesson 2
10:40am-10:55am	Break
10:55am-11:55am	Lesson 3
11:55am-12:55pm	Lesson 4
12:55pm-1:30pm	Lunch One (35 mins) Years 7 & 10 Form Time Years 8, 9 & 11
1:30pm-2:05pm	Lunch Two (35 mins) Year 8, 9 & 11 Form Time Years 7 & 10
2:05pm-3:05pm	Lesson 5
3:05pm	End of Academy Day
3:05pm-3:45pm	Corrections

Lunches

All our food is cooked on the premises and many ingredients are sourced from local suppliers. We offer a wide selection of balanced and nutritious, hot and cold foods starting with breakfast through to break time and lunchtime services.

Free Breakfast Club: **7:30am-8:30am**

Morning Break: **10:40am-10:55am**

Lunch 1: **12:55pm-1:30pm**

Lunch 2: **1:35pm-2:05pm**



Our lunches are served on a three-week rotating menu with multiple choices including sandwiches, soups, pasta dishes, jacket potatoes and a variety of hot main courses, desserts and drinks. Students may also bring their own packed lunch and we have a large range of Halal foods available.

Our academy operates a 'Cashless Catering System' where uses their finger print which they use to purchase any food or drink in school at breakfast/break and lunchtimes (food cannot be purchased in our canteens/food huts with cash).

This personal account for your child is linked to our online payment system, Arbor, which enables parents/-carers to credit their account with money, ready for them to make purchases. Prior to joining our academy you will be given access to Arbor to ensure they can get lunch on their first day. Finger prints will be collected on in September. Consent for this can be found in the policy/consent form.

Find out everything you need to know about catering at Co-op Academy Swinton in more detail on our academy website:

<https://www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Catering&pid=41&action=saved>

Term Dates 2026-2027

	STARTS	FINISHES
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Wednesday 21st October 2026
Half-Term Holiday	Thursday 22nd October 2026	Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21nd December 2026	Friday January 1st 2027
Spring Term 1	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
Half-Term Holiday	Friday 15th February 2027	Friday 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	Friday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
Easter Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027	Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term 1	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 31st May 2027	Friday 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June 2027	Friday 16th July 2027

Other Notable Dates

Staff Training Days

Our Academy will be closed to students on the following days for Staff Training

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 15th October 2026

Friday 16th October 2026

Public Holidays

To be confirmed

Important checklist!

Please take a minute to check through the list below of important documents we need to receive back from you to ensure a smooth transition for your child to their first year with us here at Co-op Academy Swinton.

Calendar of Key Dates

Have you read through and made a note of all the dates of key events you'll need to remember?



Consent and Policy Forms 2026

Have you completed the online consent and policy Form?

This form is used to collect all parental and child information and **MUST** be completed before **Friday 29th May 2026**

You'll find the form on our website here:

<http://tiny.cc/SwinTRNSTN>

You can also access it directly here: <https://forms.gle/6BLR8kY9FnRh4QFS9>



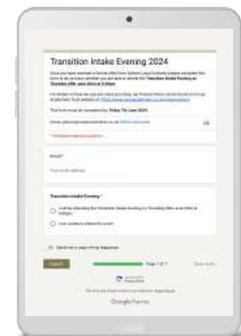
Primary Intake Parent's Evening

Have you completed the online link to confirm you'll be joining us for our Primary Intake Parent's Evening on **Friday 5th June 2026**?

You'll find the form on our website here:

<http://tiny.cc/SwinTRNSTN>

You can also access it directly here: <https://forms.gle/EXnu5ijqGm1nhUKV6>





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Some handy hints and tips!

The move from primary to secondary school is an exciting time for children and marks a new phase in their lives. The move itself can be daunting but most children will manage this transition successfully. There may, however, be ups and downs but as a parent there are many things you can do to help your child through this transition period with careful and sensitive preparation.

We wanted to share some help and advice to assist during this time. Here are some excellent tips, taken from youth charity, [Young Minds](#). You may want to use these as points of discussion with your child: Talk about starting secondary school with your child:

Talk about starting secondary school with your child

Chat about how they are feeling and how it will be different from primary - for instance bigger site, new people, changing teachers and rooms for subjects, more homework.

Reassure them that nerves about starting something new are normal, as is some sadness at leaving familiar things, and that these feelings usually subside.

But be careful not to impose your own worries. Focus on exciting opportunities too - new subjects, activities and friends. Celebrating the milestone of finishing primary school, and all the ways they have grown, can boost self-esteem and confidence.

Familiarise your child with their new school

Make sure you take advantage of Year 6 Transition Days. These are a great opportunity to meet teachers, other starters and find out about the school layout and day. Minimising unknowns for day one can reduce anxiety. Schools often provide extra familiarisation days for vulnerable children - a chance to meet the SENCO and support staff and look around in a quieter environment.

Prepare in advance

Try to get organised over the summer rather than leaving it to the last minute, which can be stressful for parent and child. A trip to buy uniform, get a haircut or choose new stationery is an opportunity to spend time together, chat and boost confidence too.

Secondary students often travel independently for the first time. Do some trial runs - with you, then perhaps solo or with a friend. Work out the first day plan. Your child may prefer to go with you to start, or to meet a friend on the way.

Help develop independence and organisation

Secondary school demands are greater, so preparation should help build their own skills and confidence. This will help them settle quicker. Don't do it all for them. Could they arrange to meet friends, do shopping errands (good lunchtime practice) or organise their bag for a day out? Be guided by what feels manageable for your child though. It's fine if they need more support than some others.

Once school starts, try developing independent organisation with post-it notes listing what's needed each day; boxes to store other books and worksheets; and an evening habit of checking their school planner and preparing uniform and bag.

Give it time - and keep some reassuring routines

Trusted old friends and habits are comforting, particularly in the exhausting early weeks, if a child doesn't know anyone, or if they are finding it hard to settle. Seeing primary classmates or enjoying familiar activities may be a welcome relief from the effort of starting a new school.

Too much change at once can feel overwhelming too. So while it's great if they throw themselves into everything, don't worry if they don't. They need to adjust and relax. So resist the urge to quiz them too heavily as well.

Find more helpful advice online, here are some suggestions:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-secondary-or-high-school/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/20djlktz/top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf>