Lift New Forest

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Thursday 18th June 2026

Important Information for Year 6 Parents

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all been enjoying the summer so far, and that the SATs period was a positive experience for your child. It was great to see so many families at our Welcome Evening in May.

I wanted to write to you with some more updates from Lift New Forest as we approach the final few weeks of term. Whilst I appreciate there is a lot of information in this letter, please do read everything carefully so that you are clear on the next steps

Transition Days - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Lift New Forest for our two transition days on **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July.**

The arrival time on both days is 9.15am. Year 6 students and their parents and carers should arrive at the main entrance by 9.15am where they will be met by our staff. Parents and carers can then leave and students will be taken into school and organised into their tutor groups. I would like each child to bring a hard copy of a **piece of written work that they are particularly proud of** on their first transition day. This will allow us to see and celebrate their work as soon as they enter our school.

The finish time on Thursday 2nd July is 2.45pm. Students may either be collected from the main gate or, if appropriate, make their own way home.

On Friday 3rd July, we would like to invite all parents to arrive at school at 2.15pm for a welcome celebration and short presentation with myself and other school staff. Students can then leave with their parents or carers from approximately 2.30pm.

Ms Jones (Assistant Principal) will share some further details about our Transition Days prior to 2nd July.

Year Group Leadership - September 2026

I am delighted to let you know that we have now appointed key staff to work with Year 7 next year.

The year group will be led by **Mr Benson** (Lead Practitioner), who has six years' experience

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as a Head of Year at Lift New Forest, and is a familiar and friendly face amongst our school community. Mr Benson will be supported by **Mr Avery** (Assistant Head of Year), who will be a key point of contact for you as we move forwards.

Mr Benson and Mr Avery will be supported by a fantastic team of tutors. The Year 7 tutors will be Ms Mengham (Science), Miss Hall (MFL), Ms Frosina (Science) and Mr Britton (Maths).

You will be able to meet your child's tutor as part of the transition programme.

We Will Rock You!

Following the incredible success of last year's production of Matilda Jr., we are delighted to announce that our next school production will be **We Will Rock You!** Performances are planned for the end of September 2026.

We are really looking forward to giving our students another fantastic opportunity to develop their confidence, creativity, and teamwork both on and off the stage. Taking part in a school production is a rewarding experience, but it also comes with a number of important responsibilities.

We are delighted to extend the opportunity to participate in the show to students joining us in Year 7 this September. If your child is interested in participating, please complete this simple expression of interest form by Friday 26th June. Mrs Warren (Director of PE/Sport) will be in contact with you regarding next steps.

Management Information System - Arbor

As is the case in most of our feeder primary schools, we will be using Arbor, our Management Information System (MIS), to securely house your child's information. Over the next few weeks, you will receive a series of emails to help you get started.

To make this process as smooth as possible, we have broken the setup into four manageable stages:

Stage	Focus	Action Required
1: Access	The Parent Portal	Look for an automated invite email from Arbor. You can use the web version or download the app via Apple or Android.
2: Profile	Vital Information	You will receive a second letter with instructions on adding medical details, consents, and additional guardians.
3: Safety	eSafety Agreement	You must sign this agreement via the app.
4: Finance	Arbor Pay	Information will follow on how to pay for school meals, trips, and activities.

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If you have any issues accessing Arbor, please contact Gemma Savage (Data and Examinations Officer) by email (gsavage@liftnewforest.org).

Free School Meals

If your child is currently receiving Free School Meals, this information will normally transfer from their primary school and you should not need to make a further application.

From September 2026, **free school meals in England are expanding** to include all children in households receiving Universal Credit.

If you are unsure about whether your child will be eligible for free school meals, we can check on your behalf. All you need to do is complete this short form.

Newsletter - Forest News

I am pleased to share our latest newsletter with you. As you can see, we have had a really exciting start to the summer term and I hope you enjoy reading about our achievements. The link to the newsletter is here.

A reminder that you can keep up to date with everything that is happening through our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

I realise that some parents may wish to speak to us directly regarding their child's transition. If you require further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us by email (schooladmin@liftnewforest.org). I, or an appropriate member of staff, will be more than happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr R E Forder
Principal

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