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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families are well and as excited about Monday as we are!

As written in a previous letter, we are expecting Year 7 students to arrive on Monday 7 September at 8.45am on the school playground. A number of staff including Mr Wignall (Headteacher), Mr Whitmore (Year 7 Achievement Leader), Mrs Ridley (Year 7 Pastoral Support Officer), their form tutors and myself will meet them.

We hope they have an enjoyable day, which will include taster lessons, time with their form tutor and a look round the school when there are no other year groups in.

You have received information about the app to order food from the canteen 'Fusion Online'. We are using this system to facilitate different serving areas for each year group whilst we are operating zonal year groups, minimizing contact between year groups. I spoke to our canteen manager today and the app will **NOT** be fully operational on Monday morning, so please send your child/children to school with a packed lunch on Monday. We are able to provide food for children with a pupil premium entitlement. Please email Mrs Cobb ([jcobb@downlands.org](mailto:jcobb@downlands.org)), Pupil Premium Support Officer, who will discretely facilitate this if you wish.

Throughout the day we also want to complete their registration with our school canteen. When normal service resumes all students purchase food from the canteen, not with cash, but by giving the biometric image of their index finger. This automatically withdraws from an account you have set up for them and avoids having to carry money. To enable us to register the whole year group and have the experiences mentioned above we will be extending their day to **1.40pm**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Odlin  
Assistant Headteacher

