

Theale Green School



Parent Information Booklet 2025/26



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Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Theale Green School! Your child has chosen a vibrant school with an incredible sense of community and family, and one where there is a real passion and loyalty shown by students, staff, and parents towards our core values. We hope that the next seven years ahead will be an exciting, challenging and rewarding journey for our new students, who will grow together as a family.

At Theale Green School, we believe that if:

- we can focus on becoming the very best educators we can be
- relationships between staff and students are prioritised at all times
- we provide unique experiences and opportunities for students, and
- parents can support and trust us in our endeavors, then the young people who make up our school will flourish and thrive.

We have a track record of listening to and acting on feedback, and whilst the latter is not always possible, please know as parents that your views are welcomed and valued. There are many opportunities for you to take part in the life of Theale Green School, and we are looking forward to growing our relationship with you and meeting you at many events over the years ahead.

Thank you for entrusting your child to our school, and we look forward to working with you.

Mrs Badarello
Headteacher



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Useful Information

Contact Details

School address: Church Street, Theale, RG7 5DA

School switchboard: 0118 930 2741

Email: inmail@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk

Website: www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk



All up-to-date contact information can be found on our website via the following link or QR Code:

<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/contact-us/>

School Timetable

	Years 7 & 8	Years 9 to 13
08.35 - 08.55	Tutor	
08.55 - 09.55	Period 1	
09.55 - 11.15	BREAK	Period 2
	Period 2	BREAK
11.15 - 12.15	Period 3	
12.15 - 1pm	LUNCH	
1 - 2pm	Period 4	
2 - 3pm	Period 5	

Year 7/8 has a separate break time to the upper school (Year 9 to 13) to support transition in to secondary school.

We work on a two-week, ten day timetable. The weeks mostly match each other but it is important for students to know whether it is week A or week B. Please can we ask you to help them with this at first to establish a good routine, and ensure they have the relevant books and equipment needed for the school day.

School Dates 2025/26

Please refer to the calendar on the school website for important dates during the school year, including inset days.

<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/>



Our Mission, Values and Learner Attributes

Theale Green School is a proud member of Activate Learning Education Trust (ALET), which in turn is part of the highly regarded Activate Learning group, a Berkshire/ Oxfordshire-based educational provider which includes FE Colleges, UTC's and another 11-18 Secondary School

Mission

To Transform Lives Through Learning

Values and Learner Attributes

Daily life at Theale Green School revolves around our Learning Philosophy, Values, and Learning Attributes. Our Learning Philosophy shapes our approach to teaching and learning, recognising that only when our brain, emotions and motivation are working together can we learn most effectively. Our school values are **Hard Work, Respect and Progress**, and these are the foundations for our behaviour and rewards systems. And finally our Learning Attributes, those strengths and skills which are important to employers.



Getting to and from Theale Green School

Cycle to School

Cycles must be safe and students must wear a helmet. All cycles are locked in our secure cycle shed during the course of the day. Students may not use electric scooters, as they are not legal to be on public roads and pathways.

Travel by Car

If you need to drive your child to school, please note that the road outside school entrance can get very congested during pick up/drop off times, please park safely away from the school site.

Buses and Contract Coaches

To make an application for Free Home to School Transport, or to view all the Home to School Transport Policies and related forms: website/online application: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/school-transport> or contact: pupiltransport@westberks.gov.uk or Tel: 01635 519777

Students who do not qualify for free transport will need to buy a season ticket from one of the bus companies.

Reading Buses

<https://www.reading-buses.co.uk/schools>

Timetable



Route



Equipment

The following equipment needs to be clearly labelled and brought every day:

- A strong rucksack for carrying books and equipment
- Water bottle, can be refilled at fountains around the site
- Pencils
- 2 x black/blue and green pens
- A ruler (30 cm)
- Glue stick
- Highlighter pen
- Current reading book
- Exercise book (provided by school)



Certain lessons require additional equipment:

- Scientific Calculator
- Maths Set
- Colouring pencils (blue, brown, green, red & yellow)
- Pocket dictionary



We recommend that parents regularly check their child's equipment to ensure they have all equipment they need for the school day as pens can often run out or get lost. Parents may find it more economical to buy large packs of pens and pencils to last the whole academic year.

Lockers

For September, brand new lockers will be available to rent. This service is managed and provided by an expert company. Further details on how to book will be shared in the coming weeks

Uniform

We want Theale Green School students to be proud of their uniform and the Red Kite logo that is an integral part of our uniform. We have made key adaptations to our uniform policy over recent years to ensure our uniform reflects our community. Please do visit our website to view information about adaptations for weather, additional accessories for PE and important guidance around valuables etc.
<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>



Where to Order

Our uniform supplier offers competitive, high quality garments.
<https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/theale-green-community-school-22272>



Support for Your Child

Your child will receive support from every member of staff at Theale Green School, whether it be academic, social or emotional. Our staff genuinely care for the students they teach and enjoy seeing them progress on their journey throughout Theale Green School.

Head of Year 7 – Ms Khaliq

Ms Khaliq is a Geography teacher and is delighted to take on the role of Head of Year 7. Ms Khaliq comes with a wealth of experience in supporting students at all ages in secondary schools.

Ms Khaliq's role is to direct the form tutors and to support your child's overall success at Theale Green School. She will also liaise with teaching staff and department leads to ensure all students engage and succeed in our curriculum.



Tutor and Tutor Group

The form tutor is one of the most important members of staff in your child's journey through Theale Green. They will be one of the first members of staff your child will meet during the induction process. They will see your child every day.

The tutor's main responsibility is to build positive relationships and to model behaviour that promotes respect, responsibility and resilience.

If you have any concerns or would like to celebrate your child's success outside of school, please contact your child's tutor. From September you can contact the tutor via email – email addresses will be shared as we start the new academic year.

Year 7 Tutor Team

Mr Bayliss	Mr Moore
Dr Keaton	Mr O'Sullivan
Mr Jeary	

Speakup Speakout Email and Text Service

Simply send an email to speakup@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk or text to 07860 021323, start your message with TGS123, tell us what you're worried about and wait for a reply. This service is anonymous, so please tell us your name if you want us to know who you are.

If it's urgent, please speak to a member of staff you trust.



Curriculum, Teaching Groups and Homework

Curriculum

Students are taught the separate subjects of Maths, English, Science, Ethics and Philosophy, PE, History, Geography, Modern Language, Food Technology, ICT/Computing, Art, Design and Technology, Drama and Music. These classes are taught by subject specialists to ensure a successful learning experience.

For more information, see our website:

<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/academic/curriculum/>



Teaching groups

Students are taught mainly in mixed ability groups in year 7. Maths is also taught in this way, but will be set according to ability around the October half term.

All students are given timetables at the beginning of the year. We operate a two-week timetable so it is important to remember when it is week A and when it is week B. We encourage students to pack their bags the night before.

Habits (homework)

Homework at Theale Green School is known as Habits. Habits focus on pre-learning for lessons, reading, revision of lesson content and developing students' study skills, and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. Habits are set regularly and will be spread as evenly as possible across the week. Habits is set on Class Charts.

Clubs are available to support your child with completing homework if needed.

Progress

We will write to you in September, with key dates (including Parents' Evenings) and information regarding how we will report your child's progress throughout the year. There will also be a Year 7 evening on Monday 15th September and the Head of Year will write to families at the beginning of every full-term to keep you informed of any upcoming events/celebrations.

ClassCharts for Parents



You can use Class Charts to track the achievement (house points), behaviour (consequences), and attendance as well as viewing their timetable. You can also view announcements from our school. If you have more than one child, you can access Class Charts information about your children from a single, centralised parent account.

Class Charts for parents can be accessed through the Class Charts website www.classcharts.com or via iOS or Android apps.

You will receive a Parent code from us in **September**. You might receive this at a parent evening or via email. This code is used to set up your Class Charts parent account. Students will be given their own logins when they join us, and can access their timetables and other information.

Attendance

At Theale Green School you are expected to attend every day unless medically unfit to do so. For the vast number of minor illnesses, the NHS guidelines state the child is still able to come to school. These guidelines can be accessed via the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>.

If your child is not in school, they must have a justified reason.

In order to support organisation and accurate upkeep of registers all absences must be recorded via Class Charts, see user guide below:

How to Report Absence via ClassCharts

<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/How-to-Report-an-absence-on-ClassCharts.pdf>



Please see the link below for further guidance regarding attendance:

<https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/attendance/>



Lunch Arrangements

Cashless catering

The school operates a cashless catering services which assists in increasing the canteen's capacity to serve students quickly and efficiently. Each student has a canteen account which is activated using a scan of the student's finger. You can credit your child's account by using **ParentPay (you will receive log in details in September)**.

School Canteen

The canteen has offers a great variety of nutritional hot and cold foods, having deliberately moved away from ultra-processed foods. The canteen is open from 8.00-8.25am every morning for breakfast. As well as a great breakfast range to choose from, ALL students can have FREE porridge every morning.



Lunch is served in the canteen. A wide variety of hot and cold meals are available on a cafeteria system. To find out more about the food service please scan the QR code

Applying for free school meals (FSMs)

Free School Meals (FSM) are an essential support mechanism for families, ensuring that children receive nutritious meals during the school day. For information and eligibility criteria please visit:



[Free School Meals and Pupil Premium - West Berkshire Council](#)

Educational support for all students

SEND and Inclusion

Key Contact Details: SENDCo – Mrs Claire Lloyd
inclusion@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk

Theale Green School has a culture of high expectations, where we “Lift the Lid” for all students. To find out more about this see our teaching and learning strategy. We celebrate and develop the individual talents and particular interests of every student. We want to inspire all students to reach their full potential, supporting them to have high aspirations and to value independence, alongside our core values of **Respect, Hard Work and Progress**. We acknowledge that not all students are the same and that is why we believe it is important to know every child in our school, understanding what interests them, their areas of strength and the areas in which they require support. TGS has a strong culture of staff professional development and we are always engaging with new and innovative ways to support SEND students.



Teaching and Learning – The Theale Green Way

High quality teaching and learning is at the heart of the Theale Green way. Please scan the QR Code to find out more about our Teaching and Learning Strategy.



Success and Rewards

House Points

All students can earn certificates and rewards by collecting house points. We also love to share our students' achievements from outside of school and we do encourage you to share any details with us so that we can put a mention in the Parent Bulletin which is emailed each week.



House System

Here at Theale Green School we have an excellent House system supported by our dear friend, the 'Theale Green Sorting Hat', who has a rather famous cousin. We believe the House system fosters a spirit of teamwork, health competition and a sense of pride in our work and extra-curricular activities. The House system is an intrinsic part of life at our school.

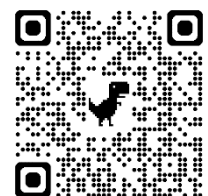
Enrichment and Opportunity

Clubs, Responsibilities and Performance

We run a wide variety of clubs at lunchtime and after school. All students attend a Clubs Fair at the start of the school year to find out about clubs, meet students who are already involved and sign up!

Students have opportunities to develop their skills in a variety of responsibilities including Student Council and Student Ambassadors. Some of whom you will have met at our Open Events!

There are many performance and musical opportunities of offer at Theale Green School including our annual musical production, House Music and competitions. We are very proud that lots of our students, from year 7 through to 6th form like to be involved either as performers, stage crew or as audience members.



Safeguarding and Anti-bullying framework



Anti-Bullying

Key Contact Details -Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Marianna Tottman mtottman@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk

At Theale Green School we are committed to working with our students to promote pro-social behavior, following our core values, that of **“Respect”**. We will provide support and guidance to both victims of bullying, to ensure they feel safe and supported within school and the wider community and also to perpetrators, in the understand that support and education will result in sustained changes of behavior.

The anti-bullying procedures provide a clear, staged approach to anti-bullying and parents/carers will be informed of the progress at each stage of the process. Should you have any concerns regarding any student at Theale Green School being bullied, please contact your child’s Tutor or report via the “Speak Up” email.

Our procedures can be found here:

[Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying | Theale Green School](#)

Listening School

As a school, we have the great privilege of being entrusted with your children to support them through their journey to adulthood.



At Theale Green School, we recognise the importance of building strong and honest school/family partnerships. This enables us to work together effectively; in turn this strong trust shapes our school, allows us to further improve, and enables our students to go on to be successful.

We are a listening school and we want to hear your views; there are many opportunities for you to share your feedback with us for example, surveys, coffee mornings and a link in our weekly bulletin.



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