

Student Induction Handbook 2025/2026

• Director: Sharon Mount

Director: Steve Fuller

• Headteacher: Mark Beaman

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Inclusion Manager: Jay Britton

• Upper Phase Leader: Sandra Cochrane

• Lower Phase Leader: Devon Bobbett



Cross Keys Learning Student Term Dates 2025/2026

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	
Term 1		
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Friday 10th October 2025	
	Half Term	
Monday 13th October 2025 – Friday 24 th October 2025		
Term 2		
Monday 26 th October 2025	Friday 19th December 2025 Finishing at 12:30	
Christmas Holiday Manday 22nd December 2005 - Friday 2nd January 2005		
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026 Term 3		
Monday 5th January 2026	Friday, 13 th February 2026	
1	Term	
Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026		
Term 4		
Monday, 23rd February 2026	Thursday, 2nd April 2026	
Easter Holiday		
	Friday 17th April 2026	
Term 5		
Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	
May Bank Holiday		
Monday 4 th May 2026 and Monday 25 th May 2026		
Half Term		
Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026 Term 6		
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Monday 1st June 2026	Tuesday 21st July 2026 Finishing at 12:30	

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Welcome to Cross Keys Learning

You are in the Tutor Group: _	
Your Group Tutor is:	

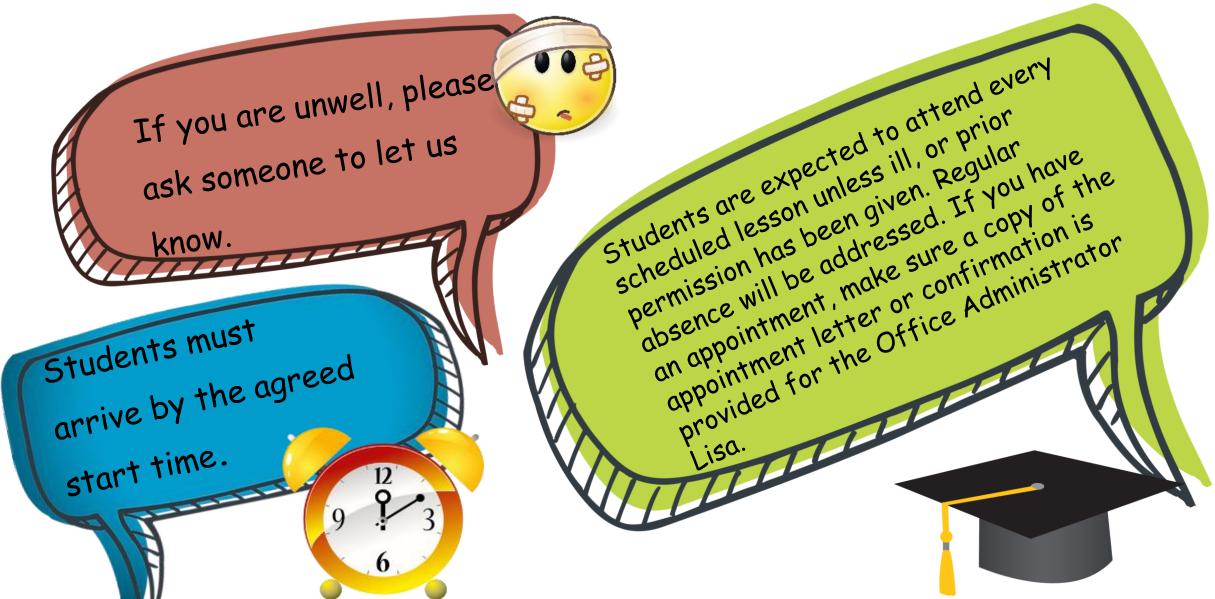
You have joined the team at Cross Keys Learning who believe you should be treated with dignity and respect that as a young adult, you deserve. We will support and encourage you throughout the school, in return we expect that you will show the same dignity and respect for your own personal and academic development and the staff supporting you.

If there is anything you don't understand, or you are concerned about, please ask your class teachers and LSA's.

Your School Day:

9:00 – 9:15	Tutor Time & Registration
9:15 - 10:15	Lesson 1
10:15 -11.15	Lesson 2
11:15 -11:30	Break (15 minutes)
11:30 -12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 -13.00	Lunch (30 minutes)
13.00 – 13:10	ERiC (Everybody Reads in Class)
13:10 – 14:05	Lesson 4
14:05-15:00	Lesson 5

Attendance & Punctuality





Cross Keys Learning Uniform



UNIFORM

Black trousers/knee length skirt

Grey polo shirt with school logo

Grey sweatshirt with school logo

Grey/black/white socks

Black school shoes







Outside clothing should not be worn during lessons. No hats coats or hoods in school.



PE:

Dark track suit bottoms
/ leggings / shorts
and
Cross Keys PET-Shirt.

No branded items

Cross Keys Expectations

Bring your own stationery items to school - it's great to have a cool pencil case

Put equipment away when you are finished - it's nice to be helpful

Don't graffiti - you will be asked to clean it off because we want our school to look good.

Be prepared to try - we learn best when it's difficult!!

Aim high - earn those reward points for the weekly raffle and trips

Performance (rewards effort and attainment)

Perseverance (rewards focus and determination)

Politeness (rewards good manners)

Positivity (rewards positive behaviour)

Progress (rewards achievement of individual targets)

Cross Keys Expectations

Only stud or small sleeper earrings may be worn. No other piercings are permitted.

We ask that necklaces, bracelets and rings are not worn.

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons.

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. Brightly coloured hair is not permitted, and long hair should be tied up for practical sessions. Excessive hair accessories should not be worn.

False nails and make up should be discreet.

Bring a healthy packed lunch/snacks for break times - you don't want to get hungry.

Don't forget that some students may have allergies to nuts, therefore products containing nuts must not be brought into school. This includes peanut butter sandwiches.

No eating in class, just bring a drink. No high sugar or energy drinks though. Water works!

We don't allow vapes, cigarettes, alcohol or anything dangerous in school - that would be silly and illegal

Keep your electronic items at home - if you bring in a mobile phone you must hand it in on arrival and we will give it back to you at the end of the day - Easy!



Be polite and RESPECT others ...



Avoid making unpleasant comments to others

Don't swear or use abusive/offensive language.

Tell a member of staff if someone else is being disrespectful

Talk to a member of staff if you are concerned about a situation, your DSL (Designated Safeguard Lead) is Mark Beaman.

Respect equipment and property by treating it with care. We will expect you to pay for deliberate damage to property. Should anything break accidently then inform staff.



Breaks and Lunchtimes

Break times are 11:15-11:30 and 12:30-13:00. They must be held in the designated areas; your staff will discuss these with you during induction.

Remember we all have a duty and responsibility for Health and Safety- please make sure you are where you should be in case of a fire alarm.

We encourage healthy eating and hope that your packed lunch choices reflect this.



If you need time out, use the 'time out' area sensibly. Please ask your teacher and return to your learning in an appropriate and timely manner.



Fire Procedures





Make sure you are familiar with the fire action plans that are placed around the building

If you hear the fire alarm:

- Leave the building immediately following the fire evacuation signs. **DO NOT WAIT TO GET YOUR BELONGINGS**
- Report to the assembly point in the outside area for a roll call (Broadstairs), Car Park (Womenswold)
- Do not return to the building unless told to do so by Cross keys Learning Staff.
- We will be running some practice fire drills so
 you know what to do if there is an emergency.

Security, Lost Property & Valuables





- Do not bring valuable items on site with you, we cannot be held responsible if they get lost or stolen.
- Mobile phones are not permitted at Cross Keys Learning so it is safer to leave them at home. If you must bring
 them, they will be held in the office for the duration of the school day.
- Please give any property you find to a Cross Keys member of staff.

Health & Safety?



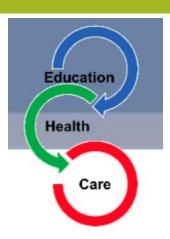
- We all have a responsibility toward those around us and to ourselves to ensure that we remain safe in our everyday
 environment. If you see anything that could be a danger to people, report it immediately to a member of staff.
- Knives and sharp items are not permitted on site, if you are found with anything of this nature it will be dealt with seriously.
- Never misuse equipment or tamper with things provided for safety purposes such as fire extinguishers.

Safety First

Education, Health & Care Plans – EHCP's

EHCP

 Your EHCP is a legal document that outlines what you need to support you with your education, health and care. This document is yours and will stay in place up until the age of 25.



EHCP reviews

- At Cross Keys Learning your **EHCP** is reviewed once a year. We will also carry out two 'in year reviews' which will focus on your targets and goals and how well you are progressing.
- You are an important part of this process, and we expect you to take part in your target setting.

Progression

- We have a commitment to support every student in ensuring that they can progress academically, so you are able to
 gain the qualifications you need to move onto a traineeship, supported internship, apprenticeship, employment or a
 further academic courses at the end of your studies at Cross Keys Learning.
- Throughout your time with us there will be opportunities to have a careers interview, visit job fairs and further
 education events, attend work experience, open days, and talks on a variety of subjects. All of these will offer you
 a great deal of guidance.

CROSS KEYS Safeguarding Team

- Everyone at Cross Keys Learning cares about your welfare.
- The Safeguarding Team is always here for you to talk to.
- Don't feel like you need to keep anything to yourself.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- If you feel unsafe, concerned, or worried about anyone, speak to your teacher or member of the Safeguarding Team so they can offer help and support.



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HELP us to keep you safe...

It is important that the school environment is safe for everyone.



All staff employed by the school will wear Staff ID cards with **GREY** lanyards



Visitors with YELLOW lanyards have been checked by the school and may be seen working with some of your peers.



Visitors with **RED** lanyards have been signed in by staff - they should NOT be in school unless accompanied by a member of staff with a GREY Lanyard.

If you see a visitor with a RED Lanyard without a member of staff report them immediately to a member of staff.

NO Visitors should be in the school without a lanyard - If you see anyone unfamiliar or without a lanyard report them **IMMEDIATELY** to a member of staff.

Bullying will not be tolerated at Cross Keys Learning If you feel you are being bullied, you can speak to a member of staff who will help to resolve the issue. If you are bullying... we will speak to you!

TypesofBULLYING



Hitting, kicking, pinching

Spitting

Tripping/pushing

Taking or breaking someone's things

Making mean or rude hand gestures



Name calling

Insults

Teasing

Intimidation

Homophobic or racist remarks

Inappropriate sexual comments

Taunting

Threatening to cause harm



Lying & spreading rumours

Leaving someone out on purpose

Telling others not to be friends with someone

Embarrassing someone in public

Damaging someone's social reputation or relationships



Posting/sending hurtful texts emails or posts, images or videos

Making online threats

Imitating others online or using their log-in

Deliberately excluding others online

Spreading nasty gossip or rumours