

Be secondary school ready

Top tips for a smooth Year 6 to Year 7 transition!



Before you start your new school



Know and practise your route or journey to and from school

Why not try to buddy up with friends?

Are you using public transport?

If so, keep a copy of the bus or train timetable on you as well as your method of payment – you may need to look after money or a travel card so think about where you are going to keep this.

Know what equipment you need for each lesson

Make sure you organise yourself with the correct resources.

Be able to identify your belongings

Have you named them? Make sure you have named your P.E. kit.

Be familiar with the school uniform policy

That includes hair styles, jewellery and footwear.

Get a rucksack that can carry all of your equipment and practise carrying it

You'll need to carry it around with you all day and it may be heavier than you are used to.

Talk about your lunch options with your adult

You may need to be responsible for making your own lunch or for managing your lunch money account.

Look on the school website

Can you spot your head of year, your form tutor or pastoral support teachers? These are the people you'll be able to go to if you have a problem.

Find a map of the school on the school website

You can familiarise yourself with the layout so that you know where to go for each lesson.

Know where student services is on the map

This is where you can go if you have a worry.

Know how you will contact your adult if needed after school or in an emergency

You may need to be responsible for a mobile phone and keeping it charged.

Find out the mobile phone policy for your school

So you know when and where you are allowed your mobile phone.

Will you need to let yourself into your home with a key?

If so, know where you will keep it and have back up plan in case you lose it.

After you have started your new school

Organise your uniform and equipment the night before

Then you won't need to rush in the mornings.

Be responsible for getting yourself up and ready for school in the morning

That includes ensuring you've had a healthy, filling breakfast.

Wear a watch

Be able to tell the time and read a timetable so that you are on time for lessons.

Pack a snack

To eat at break or between lessons if your school allows this.

Pack a water bottle

Be responsible for refilling it with clean water each day.

Be organised with your homework

Take responsibility for completing and handing in homework on time.

