

PREPARING FOR YEAR 7

Due to Coronavirus there are a lot of things that are uncertain at the moment about schools and learning especially for Year 6. This half-term would have been really important for you because you should have been visiting your new school and thinking about starting secondary school and what that means. However, this isn't go to stop or worry us because you, Year 6, are absolutely amazing!

Remember that nothing like this has ever really happened before in the UK and there are lots of other children in the same position. You will be transitioning to secondary school in **extraordinary circumstances** which means your new school will take extra care to ensure you settle in properly.

You might want to have a chat with the other children in Year 6 and find out how they're feeling!

Share things you already know about the school and think about ways you can help each other settle in.

Organisation

At secondary school you will have to be a lot more organised and independent than in primary school. Here are some things to think about:

1. You will have to look after your own workbooks a lot of the time.
2. You will need your own stationary and equipment for each lesson.
3. You will need to remember your P.E. kit and any resources for subjects like Food Technology.
4. You might have to make your own way to and from school so you will need to think about what bus to get and where from.
5. You will have to record your own homework and make sure it is completed on time.
6. You might need to look after your own dinner money, house keys etc.

Useful Websites

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/preparing-for-secondary-school/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zj2grj6>

Activity Worries

It's perfectly normal to have worries about starting a new school, but we also have to think about how we can resolve some of these worries, for example:

"I'm really worried that I won't be able to find my classroom."

Solutions

- Walk with a friend/ classmate.
- Ask the teacher in your current lesson before setting off.
- Ask a teacher on the corridor to help you.
- Sometimes there are older students to help you in the first week.
- Set off earlier at break and lunchtime to find the right room during the first week.

Now write a list of any other worries you might be having and with a parent or friend discuss all the possible solutions.