



How does lunch money work on the first day?

You will receive a parent pay login in the first week back so your child will need to bring some dinner money with them. £3 per day should be fine, or they can bring enough for the week. We will get the fingerprint pay system running on their first day.

Does the water bottle need to be completely clear?

Their water bottles can be clear or opaque. No energy or fizzy drinks please.

Will they wear uniform in September?

Yes, full uniform from September. Please see the induction booklet for uniform details and types of shoes allowed.

Do we need to buy a calculator and a pencil case?

On the first day, your child will be given a calculator, a pencil case, thesaurus and dictionary and spelling/punctuation/grammar book to keep.

Can my child practise the bus journey?

School buses are not running now. You could practise walking to the bus stop together. At school there will be lots of teachers helping with buses in those first few weeks to ensure they are all in the right place!

Do they need to have 2 reading books in their bag?

Yes please, 2 reading books should be in their bags at all times (including The Iron Man), but they will be able to borrow books from our library soon after starting.

Do they bring their PE kit every day? Do they need a separate bag for it?

Please bring PE kit in a separate bag on the first day. On the first day they will be given their timetable so they will know which days they need it.

When will lockers be sorted?

The lockers will be sorted in the first few days. A keyring for keeping the key safe is recommended.

My child has not been in for induction days, what if they get lost?

Just like primary school, there are teachers on duty at break and lunch and prefects (wearing red ties) who will all help. We know many have not seen the whole building so there will be time for more school tours and we will help Year 7 get to know their new school.

How does homework run?

There are lots to get used to when they first start secondary school and Year 7 will have to organise their time at school and at home. They will have a homework timetable so they will know when something is set and when it is due in. Everything is recorded in the student planner and online on something called Class Charts. Parents will be given a login to Class charts so they can see homework that is set and support Year 7 in managing their time at home. Some students like to go to the library at break/lunch to get it done then and use the computer suite and printers. There is a homework club at Mary Webb every Tuesday and Thursday after school, 3.15 - 4.30pm - some students like to stay and just get it all done with teacher support if needed. There is a permissions slip to sign for this.

What happens at lunch time?

Year 7 will have early break and lunch for the first little while as they get used to new routines. I hope the video showed them some things they can do at break and lunch. Some students play on the yard or field, some go to the library to do homework/read/play board games, some chat in the canteen (a mobile-free zone). School dinners and packed lunches all sit together.