



Parent FAQs

Will my Child get to visit Brownedge before they start in September?

We hope we will be able to offer a transition day prior to September, however we will have to follow Government guidelines on this. If we cannot do this prior to September, we will have a day in school for Year 7 at the start of term.

How will you make sure my child is safe under the current circumstances?

We are following government guidelines, we have regular hand washing, hand sanitising stations, small pupil bubbles and social distancing in place. Throughout the school day we usually have staff on duty, wearing high viz jackets, so pupils can quickly identify staff if they need to. We have our safeguarding and intervention team on hand to support pupils too.

How can I support my child through this transition?

Children often pick up on the emotions from those closest to them. If you are visibly nervous this may increase their own nerves. Try and portray outward excitement and confidence (even if you don't feel like this inside). Be rest assured that we have your child's best interests at the heart of what we do. It is a transition year and many students need the whole year to settle in. This is completely normal. Familiarise yourself with the school as best as you can so you can answer any questions your child has and reach out to us if you want some support. Have a look at our website and familiarise yourselves with the procedures we have in place.

Where can I get the uniform from?

We have several local uniform and PE kit suppliers. <https://www.justsclothing.co.uk/> and Top One Uniform, who do not have a website but do have a facebook page. The suppliers are currently taking appointments in store and if you cannot get to the shop we will be hosting the suppliers in school for two days in July. This will be on an appointment only basis, further details are in a letter home from Mrs Oddie. We strongly urge you to put names in all of your child's uniform and PE kit.

What will the home learning be like?

The amount of home learning set on a regular basis will be manageable and follows a timetable. Homework is set on insight and can be monitored by parents.

My child has some additional needs I am worried about how they will settle in.

We get lots of information from primary schools regarding transition and have a fantastic inclusion department who are happy to speak with you about any additional needs your child may have. We will be contacting some pupils and parents via teams prior to them starting to settle any worries Year 7 is a transition year and we will support students all the way through the year with the move from primary to secondary school.

Will they need PE kit on their first day?

No, the first day will be an induction day for year 7s only. They will not need specialist equipment.



What extra-curricular activities are there?

We have a compulsory extra-curricular program for Year 7 pupils which caters to many pupils, the minimum expectation is pupils attend two different clubs, weekly, during each term. The activities include Writers club, Horrible Histories, SVP, Table Tennis, Football, Rugby, Badminton, Geography Taskmasters, Maths 'reaction times', Science club, ECO group, Mock trials competitions and many more! The library is also open for students both before and after school and can be used for the completion of home learning.

How much money will they need for lunch?

The school uses a cashless catering system. Students entitled to free school meals will have their account automatically credited with money. All other students will have to credit their account using ParentPay or they can put cash into the machines located in the dining hall.

What happens if my child loses an item?

We understand that children tend to lose things. Our lost property is usually at reception, however if it isn't collected within a week it goes to the site managers office. It is much easier to reunite children with lost items if they have names on them.

What happens if my child feels unwell at school?

If your child is unwell at school they will attend the pupil reception. Our first aid-trained staff will assess them and they might contact you to pick them up or to update you, or they may be ok to return to lessons.

How do I contact the school?

Your child's form tutor is the best point of contact for you at school, you will find their email address on the school website. You can also ring or email reception to leave a message.

Will the lack of SATs impact them at school?

No, each year we have lots of students that come to us without this data so it is not new to us. We have our own assessment frameworks which you can read about on the school website. We believe that our pupils are more than just a number assigned by SATs scores and will support, stretch and challenge where appropriate.

What are the rules regarding mobile phones, what if they want to contact me?

The school recognises that some parents may wish their son / daughter to carry a mobile phone for personal safety reasons. This is permitted and mobile phones can be locked in the safe during form time, mobile phones and headphones must not be seen or heard in school. If a student is seen using a mobile phone, they will be confiscated and returned. Repeated use of mobile phones will result in a more serious sanction.

In the event of an emergency while a student is in school, parents can make contact via the school office.