



Year 6 Transition Webinar Thursday 20th June 2024

Questions and Answers

Please find a list of questions that were asked at the Webinar that other families may find useful:

- What should my child wear for transition?
 - Please wear their school uniform OR their school PE kit.
 - Any child wishing to wear their school leavers hoody may do so.
- What does my child need to bring to transition?
 - A pencil case with pens and pencils.
 - A filled water-bottle.
 - Money to use for the canteen or a packed lunch.
 - Sunscreen and a hat, if we experience warm weather.
- Can siblings/friends help get my child to Transition?
 - Yes of course. We are a small local school, and we actively encourage students to help each other as part of our KIND Rye College Value.
 - Please complete the [online form](#) sent out with our most recent Transition communications on 12th June for how your child will be traveling to us and who will be collecting them.
 - Children waiting for siblings will be held in the main hall for collection by their siblings at 3.20 pm.
- What happens if my child gets the train to transition and arrives before 9.10 am?
 - Any child coming to us via public transport, may of course join us earlier. We have a free breakfast club that runs from 8 am every morning. Our student leaders and student ambassadors will be in the canteen on transition days to help welcome students, who are welcome to join us for breakfast.
- Where can I find information about school uniform?
 - Please see here on our website - [Uniform | Rye College | Aquinas Trust](#)
 - Please note that families can choose between wearing a polo shirt or white shirt with tie all year round, as they can regarding skirts, tailored shorts and trousers. Our uniform is gender-neutral.
 - We don't prescribe a certain winter coat or school bag – we encourage items that are hardwearing and fit for purpose and a school bag that can securely fit a PE kit, lunchbox, drink bottle, books and pencil case.
 - Students are expected to wear a blazer to school every day, they may remove them during lesson time.
- What happens to phones during transition?
 - Our school policy regarding mobile phones is 'on site, out of sight'. Students can keep their phones with them, but they must be turned off in their bags. Students are responsible for looking after their phones during transition.
- Do families need to attend the assembly on Friday 5th July?
 - No, the assembly is for students only. We are running a Family Coffee Morning on **Thursday 11th July from 10 – 11 am** where you can meet our team and ask any questions you may have.

- Where can I find out about transport?
 - Please see www.southernrailway.com for train timetables and www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables for bus timetables.
 - All queries regarding bus passes need to go through East Sussex or Kent County Council.
- What happens if my child is the only one attending from their primary school?
 - We have buddied up children who are coming on their own from primary schools into Mentor groups with children in the same position. Our student leaders and ambassadors will be on hand during transition to make sure they are well looked after and make friends.
- How do canteen payments work?
 - We use ParentPay for our cashless canteen – families will be emailed their login details when you join in September. Families add money to the account and students are given a pin code to pay for their items.
 - Please note for Transition, if your child wishes to purchase food items from the canteen, they can use cash.
 - An average meal item is £1.80 for sandwiches, £2.40 for a hot baguette or panini, £2.50 for a hot main meal. Please see our [website](#) for further information and sample menus.
- What happens if I receive Free School Meals (FSM)?
 - All children in receipt of FSM will receive a packed lunch from us on both transition days.
 - You do not need to reapply for FSM when you join us in September – this information will be passed over via the admissions data provided by your council.
- Should my child bring in their inhaler to transition?
 - Yes – please give any medical details in the [information form](#) emailed to families on 12th June.
- What date do students start in September?
 - Our 1st day of term for students will be Tuesday, 3rd September 2024.