

Year 6 Transition - FAQs

Topic	Question	Answer
Uniform	<p>What uniform will my child need and where can I purchase it from?</p>	<p>The blazer and tie must be purchased from our uniform supplier. Please see below: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School blazer that must be worn at all times and purchased from 'Michael Sehgal' www.michaelsehgal.co.uk. Class teachers will give permission for students to remove their blazers when appropriate, such as in hot weather or during practical lessons. ➤ Optional black v-neck knitted sweater. If a jumper is worn a blazer must be worn as well. ➤ A plain white school shirt (long-sleeved or short-sleeved) that can be buttoned to the collar (shirt should be buttoned at the top). ➤ Boys' black trousers. ➤ Girls' black trousers. ➤ Pleated school skirt that extends to the knee. ➤ If a skirt is to be worn, then plain black tights (minimum of 60 denier) must be worn under the skirt; the skirt should still extend to the knee. ➤ Whilst in school, sensible plain black school shoes. No trainers, boots, plimsolls, sandals or heels may be worn. There should not be any sizable logos, any colour or any extravagant adornments on the shoes such as large bows and sequins for example, small, black bows and small black tassels are acceptable. In very poor weather conditions (heavy snow or heavy rain), students may come to school in boots. However, when in school and on school grounds school shoes must be worn. ➤ A sturdy bag to carry equipment and books to and from school. School bags that are permitted are rucksacks, shoulder bags and satchels. PE kit may be brought into school in a separate kit bag. <p>The following are not allowed in school, as part of the uniform: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Any blazers not bought directly from Michael Sehgal uniform supplier as outlined above. ➤ Trousers or skirts that are modified, other than the bottom of trousers needing to be taken up. ➤ Tight fitting or legging type trousers are not allowed in school ➤ Non-black belts or overly elaborate, decorative belts. ➤ Make-up including nail varnish and false nails. ➤ Tattoos including henna tattoos. ➤ Natural coloured hair only. ➤ Extreme haircuts (please see our uniform policy for more details) ➤ Headwear including caps (unless specified by school). ➤ Sunglasses. ➤ Earrings.
	<p>How can I ensure that I order the correct size for uniform?</p>	<p>Sizing events will be taking place in School, on Saturday 15th July from 09:00 - 14:00. Appointments must be booked directly on the uniform suppliers website: www.michaelsehgal.co.uk, communication regarding bookings will be shared with parents / carers soon.</p>

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	<p>What P.E. kit will my child need and where can I purchase it from?</p>	<p>You can purchase our PE polo shirts from Michael Sehgal www.michaelsehgal.co.uk:</p> <p>Boys:- Compulsory items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · School logo polo shirt (from the uniform supplier) · Plain black shorts · Plain white ankle socks (indoor) · Plain black football socks (outdoor) · Training shoes with non-marking soles · Football boots (moulded studs can be worn on the grass and AstroTurf) · Shin pads (required for football and hockey) · Towel · Swimming trunks / shorts · Hair fastening, if required <p>Optional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Plain black tracksuit bottoms · Plain black hoody / long sleeved sweatshirt · Plain black Rugby shirt (outdoor) <p>Girls: Compulsory items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · School logo polo shirt (from the uniform supplier) · Plain black shorts · Plain white ankle socks (indoor) · Plain black football socks (outdoor) · Training shoes with non-marking soles · Football boots (moulded studs can be worn on the grass and AstroTurf) · Shin pads (required for football and hockey) · Towel · One-piece swimming costume · Hair fastening, if required. <p>Optional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Black leggings · Plain black hoody / long sleeved sweatshirt
		<p>The colour for the new Year 7s will be green.</p>
	<p>Do I have to wear a blazer at all times?</p>	<p>Yes, you will have to wear a blazer at all times around school. If you want to take it off in a classroom then you must ask permission from your teacher. When we experience hot weather, reasonable adjustments are made to the rule.</p>
	<p>Can you wear shorts in the summer?</p>	<p>The uniform is the same all year round and shorts are not permitted at any time.</p>
<p>Pastoral</p>	<p>Will children be grouped with friends from their current primary school?</p>	<p>Year 7 students will be randomly assigned to a tutor group so may not be with someone from their current primary school. We often find that existing friendships change significantly in the first year, and this will encourage all students to form new friendships. Students remain in their tutor groups for most lessons throughout Year 7. With the exception of Maths, Food and Textile Technology and P.E.</p>
	<p>Do we find out about tutor groups/classmates prior to starting?</p>	<p>Yes - students will meet their tutors and classmates during the transition days in July.</p>
	<p>What anti-bullying measures are in place should another student be bullied?</p>	<p>We have a comprehensive anti-bullying policy which can be viewed on the school website under Key Information and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are working towards the Diana Award accreditation, there are 4 areas that the Ambassadors are working on: Wellbeing, Respect, Community and Online Safety. We have Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in school and there will be an opportunity for Yr 7s to apply to be an Ambassador next year.</p>

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Lunch	How does lunch work and does everyone go in at once?	There is a rota for lunch which changes each week. Each year group waits in line during their allotted time and they go in together. There are three main service points to reduce queuing and students can preorder a grab bag during AM registration.
	How do we set up an account for paying for lunch?	Each student will receive a parent pay account using a parent's email address and an issued password. If you already have a parent pay account details will be provided on how to merge the accounts.
	Do I have to have a school dinner?	No, we have a number of students who bring packed lunches and eat in the Canteen or Cafe at lunchtime. There is also a designated outdoor area where students can eat their packed lunches.
Logistical	Will a map and timetable be given to the pupils?	All students are given their timetable on the first day. Additionally, this is copied into their planners. Maps of the school are on display around the building.
	What time does school finish?	School finishes at 3:15pm
	Will my child be able to cycle to school and is there somewhere to leave his bike?	Yes, there is a place for students to leave their bikes at the side of one playground. They will need to ensure they bring their own bike lock and only ride it once they are off the school grounds for safety reasons.
	How do new pupils learn their way around?	Students will have a map and as part of the induction days they will be shown round by their form tutor. Student Leaders will be supporting students during the induction days and during their first week, escorting students between classes. Students and Staff in the building are only too happy to help point students in the right direction.
	How many classes are in one day? Do you start in the same class each morning with the same teacher?	Each day starts with students attending form time for 30 mins before going on to have five classes that day which each last for an hour. There is a break in the morning and at lunchtime.
	What is the routine for the day?	Students move around the school following their timetable. As students are in the same teaching classes as their tutor group for most subjects, they are often able to move around together.
	Will I get my own lock box?	All year 7 students have the opportunity to hire a lock box near their tutor room.
	How do the buses work?	Buses are not contracted by the school. Students who live more than 3 miles from the school in the catchment area will receive a bus pass from North Yorkshire Council. The bus pass can only be used for the allocated bus; students can not get on other buses with friends. For local students in the catchment area living less than 3 miles from School, transport becomes the responsibility of the parent/carers. This is the same for students living out of the catchment area, although there are some commercial paid bus services available which you may want to look into, that service areas of Middlesbrough. Our website has more information about school bus services.

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Extra-Curricular	Are there any big trips (that are going to be costly) that I should be aware of so I can start setting aside some finances for them?	There are some trips which require a small cost in year 7 but nothing that require large amounts of money. Overseas trips are open to students as they move through the school, so it would be prudent to start saving should you wish your child to take part in those enriching opportunities.
	Will there be any Extra-Curricular activities offered to the children in year 7?	On the Curriculum section of the school website you can look at the Extra-Curricular and Enrichment and Student Leadership sections to get a flavour of the activities and opportunities on offer.
Equipment	How does the Chromebook scheme work?	It is a lease scheme where you pay a set amount each month for three years and then at the end the device belongs to you. The payment covers the device, a three year warranty and three year accidental damage insurance with a zero excess. Chromebooks are distributed in the new academic year.
	Do all students have to have a Chromebook?	All students will require a device during the school day. Most of our students join the leasing scheme through us, some source their own or bring one in from home, and we do have a handful of students who do not have their own that borrow one at the start of each day from the Open Learning Centre.
	We were planning to purchase a Chromebook ourselves for my child to use. Is there a specification for Chromebooks we should work to?	No, any chromebook will do the job fine. Although try and get at least 4MB of RAM so it can cope with processing several jobs at once.
	If we do buy our own Chromebook will the School need to install additional software or set them up to work with the School systems?	All we will need to do is configure it to join our network in school. It is a quick job. No software is installed on the device, as they are all web based, we manage the Chromebooks purchased through us and install additional layers of security.
	What equipment do we need to buy?	Equipment is checked each morning by the form tutor. All students must have: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A bag big enough and suitable to fit all equipment, books and planner into. ➤ A chromebook charged to at least 75%. – Further information to follow. ➤ A pencil case ➤ Two working black pens, and a green pen ➤ Two pencils, a pencil sharpener, and an eraser ➤ A scientific calculator and ruler