

Transition to Secondary School

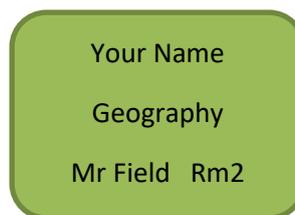
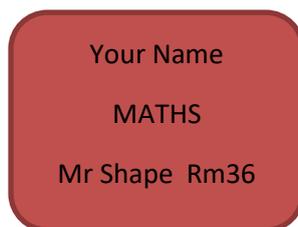
You are now finishing Primary Education and moving to Secondary Education. This is an exciting time for you. You will be learning new subjects, moving around the school after every class and possibly getting the school bus for the first time. This booklet is to help you plan for your school day and help you with the next step in your education.



Organisational skills:

Have a good system for keeping books and equipment.

- Make room in your bedroom or a quiet place in the house to keep your books together. You could use a storage container, a cupboard or a shelf. This is also a good place to have a table or a desk to do your homework.
- Make out a big timetable noting the subject, teacher's name and class room number. Some children like to colour code their subject's e.g. Red-Maths Green-Geography Purple-Art etc.



- Store each subject in a clear individual folder and label. Label each book and note on the folder if equipment is needed. In Maths you may need a compass, protractor and a ruler.
- Buy a clear pencil case, and do NOT overfill, keep an old pencil case for Art so you can store your pencils, coloured pencil/markers.

- Pack your bag the night before you go to school, put your first subject folder at front of bag and fill the rest behind it.

Classroom:

When you get your timetable, take time and study it. Note which days lessons take place, try and visualize where the classroom is and how to get to it, remember the teacher. Get to class on time, especially after breaks. If you are lost ask a teacher or an older child, they will understand that you have only started the school and will be willing to help you.

- For the first couple of weeks there is normally a “Buddy scheme” to show you around the school taking you from class to class. On these occasions look out for signs, posters, steps and which floor you are on.
- If the school has a map colour code it to your subjects and keep it in your diary.
- If you are allowed to pick your own seat try to sit in the middle of the class, facing the teacher.
- Lean on an A4 file, (put the thickest part away from you) this will help you sit up properly at the desk and improve your handwriting.
- Try different pen grips to find one that suits you.
- As this may be your first time using a pen at school some people like to use the erasable pens.
- When packing your school bag at the end of class put the folder to the back of your schoolbag. This will leave your next subject folder at the front of the bag ready for your next class.



- Use your school diary to note what homework you have:-
Note: book, page and question numbers and also what date the work is to be returned to the teacher. Don't write "finish work" as you may forget by the time you get home

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Maths Big Number Book Pg 3 Question 1 – 20 for
Wednesday 02.09.2020.

Geography Colour in map of school for Monday
07.09.2020

Science Read over experiment. Wednesday
02.09.2020

Getting to and from school:

Travelling to school is going to be another new experience for you, as this may be the first time you have stood at a bus-stop and travelled on the bus on your own.

PUPILS SHOULD NOT RUN INTO THE ROAD WHEN GETTING ON/OFF BUS OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE.

- Find out from school where your pick-up is and which route it takes. Check which bus you take on your return journey, these are usually numbered and use the same pick up point.
- If you are unsure of the route, ask a parent/guardian to take you on this route and look for landmarks.
- Make sure you arrive at the pick-up point in plenty of time. Be punctual.
- When waiting for bus stand off the road in the bus shelter, or footpath, do NOT stand on the road.
- Do not be persuaded to do something unsafe.

- When getting off the bus ALWAYS wait until the bus has moved off.
- Have a contact number that you can phone to make alternative arrangements if the bus is late or does not arrive.
- Wear a watch to monitor time.
- Keep your bus pass handy, either in your blazer pocket or outside pocket on your school bag.
- If you are staying behind for after-school clubs make sure the person who is expecting you home on the bus knows and alternative arrangements are made.
- If you miss your bus, go back into school and ask a member of staff or responsible adult can they phone an adult to collect you.

Lunch time:

You now have a wider choice of food available in the school canteen, and you can pick from a menu. You will have to pay for this yourself using either money or a pre-paid card. Practice reading menus and pricing food at home or when you are out for a daytrip.

- If using cash, take pound coins to buy your lunch as coins are easier counted and less likely to get lost.
- Carry money in a wallet/purse. Make sure that your change and wallet/purse is back in your blazer or bag before lifting tray with your food on it. Practice lifting a tray with objects at home.
- Practice your money skills, checking you have enough money to buy the items you require.
- If you find using a knife and fork difficult take a packed lunch, but make sure you can open the packaging easily.
- Don't forget if you are stuck ask for help.



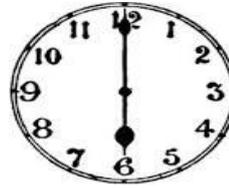
Afterschool:

Like your primary school there are Afterschool Clubs in Secondary Education. This is a time to make new friends and enjoy a bit of time with them, while you are learning a new subject. Activities may include Drama Group, Music Group, Home-work club or Sports. If you are using the After-school Club make sure you have arrangements to get home; there may be a late bus.

Home-work:

- Your home-work should be noted in your diary.
- The best time to start your homework is usually after you come in from school and have a short break.
- Ensure you complete your homework in a quiet area of the house; away from the TV and other distractions.
- Clear your desk and only take out one subject at a time, lean on your file again to help with your handwriting.
- It is beneficial if you do the homework that is set that day, as the topic is easier remembered. If you cannot complete it make sure you make a note of when it needs to be completed. Use a highlighter and mark the day.
- When finished your homework, look at your diary and pack your bag for the next day.

It's a great feeling when your homework is completed early, now you have the rest of the evening free for catching up with friends or taking part in your hobbies.



Uniform and Bag:

- Choose a bag that has two shoulder straps like a back-pack.
- If you find the buttons difficult to manage, button/unbutton the shirt half way down, so you can pull it over your head.
- If you find a tie difficult, check and see if you can buy one with a clip on the back of it.
- Get your uniform ready the night before, and if you need your PE kit make sure it is all in your PE bag.

Finally we wish you well in your new school, and hope this booklet helps your prepare for the adventure ahead. Remember if you are finding things difficult ask an adult for help.

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