



Framingham Earl High School

Frequently Asked Questions

Date: 4th May 2020

1. How will transition work with the schools not being open?

We have outlined our virtual transition package in the powerpoint called Year 6 Parents' Information April 2020 which can be found on our website in the Transition section <http://www.framinghamearl.net/chunk/4914/>

2. If school does not open until September what additional support can we expect for Year 7s?

We will ensure that Year 7s in September have time to build relationships with one another, peers and staff at the school.

3. Are groups set by ability?

Groups are mixed ability at Framingham Earl High School for all subjects except Maths. Mrs Clare (Head of Maths) uses information from Primary schools to help create the groups but these are reviewed once we get to know the children. Students are taught in form groups and we ensure there is a mix of ability and gender in each group.

4. Can my child choose if they do French or Spanish?

No. Mrs Swanepoel (Head of Languages) makes the choice after the first term. All students begin studying French in Year 7.

5. Will the school require my child to sit SATs tests in September?

No. Children will complete the CAT (cognitive ability test) in September that gives a general overview of skills. These are completed on a computer whilst wearing headphones and are general questions that require no preparation. These are used by the school alongside information from Primary schools to help set targets. Information from the CATs will be shared with parents.

6. My child is travelling on the school bus and is really anxious – how can we help?

There is no easy answer. However, a suggestion would be when public transport reopens to try doing some short journeys as a family and then allow your child to do some by themselves. Help them to be familiar with having an e-ticket on their phone, getting to the bus stop at the right time and feeling confident to walk on and find a seat.

7. How will the Dragons be selected for the Year 7 nurture group?

We have 12 spaces in the Nurture group, and these will be allocated to those children who have the most need. The Dragons are in mainstream lessons apart from History,



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Geography and Drama (12 hours per fortnight) when they follow the curriculum in the Den. Primary schools conducted the Boxall profile for those children they felt would be suitable for the Den prior to closure. This information has been shared with Mrs Cox and Mrs Harvey. They will look at this alongside other information from Year 6 teachers to make the choice who will be in the group. Families will be contacted, and children met by both teachers.

8. Will children be allowed to come into Framingham Earl High School prior to September?

It will depend on Government restrictions. If we are allowed to have children into school, we will definitely open the doors for Year 6s so they can get to know the site a little before they begin.

9. Will the school set some work for the children to do as a transition project?

In June/July if we remain closed, we will set a short transition project asking students to create something that gives us a little insight into them. This could be a short video, photo collage, poster, cartoon strip or an artefact that they can share with their form tutor.

10. How can we organise a meeting with the SENDCo to discuss SEN needs?

Mrs Anna Harvey is our SENDCo and will be sending out information about provision in the coming weeks. Mrs Harvey can be contacted via a.harvey@fehs.set.education

11. My child has a severe allergy/health care need – who do we speak to about the Health Care Plan held by school?

This is Mrs Anna Harvey a.harvey@fehs.set.education – she oversees our medical needs and health care plans.

12. How do we know what the clubs and activity list will be in September?

We update the clubs and societies each term. A sample of our activities will be shared by Mr Keates as part of the transition programme. Music and drama private lesson forms will also be sent out later this term.

13. If Primary schools organise a Year 6 leavers event in September will my child be allowed an authorised leave of absence to attend?

Of course.