

Transition to High School 2020

Frequently Asked Questions



We have a comprehensive [website](#) which outlines key information about our School. You can also watch our [Subject Departmental videos](#) which can be found on our [YouTube channel](#).

From our recent Zoom calls, we have compiled some specific questions that Year 6s have been keen to know.....

1. Will we be with our friends from Primary school?

Children can request friends to be with in their form group and we ensure that they will be with at least one from their list.

2. Do people get lost when they start?

Yes! It happens to everyone! We all help each other – there is a map in your planner, and we have lots of friendly students and adults who you can ask if you're not sure.

3. What is the food like?

Our catering is provided by Norse and is a mixture of full meals and snack items. Food is sold before school, at break time and at lunchtime. You have an account that your parents/carers add money to and then you put in your pin number to purchase the items.

4. Are groups set by how clever you are?

We do not have ability setting for the majority of Year 7. Groups are mixed ability and are mainly taught in tutor groups. If your child needs additional support in English and Maths they will be in a smaller group.

5. What is the Den and the Dragons?

The Den is our building where our SEND department is based. The Dragons are our group of Y7 students who complete History, Geography and Drama with Mrs Cox. They follow the main curriculum for these subjects, but lessons are delivered in a style to promote the values of nurture. For more information please contact Mrs Cox (k.cox@fehs.set.education).

6. How much Homework do you get?

In the first two weeks there is no homework for Y7s to allow you to settle. We then set, following a timetable, between 20 and 40 minutes per night. Teachers set homework on the Satchel:One app, so it's easy for you and your parents/carers to see what tasks have been set and when it is due. We also have a Homework Club which takes place every day after school if you need extra help.

7. What new subjects do you do at High School?

Most of your subjects would have been studied before, for example, Music, History and Geography but you will have different teachers for each of your subjects. There will some new subjects in our Technology option where you complete lessons in STEM, Textiles, DT and Food. In PE we still do sports such as athletics, gymnastics, football and rounders but you will also have the opportunity to try new sports – for instance, trampolining, handball and extreme frisbee. Lots of our lessons are taught in specialist rooms such as Science labs and the Drama studio.

8. Is it easy to make new friends?

Yes! Your tutor group is made up of a range of students from lots of schools and you will have time at break and lunchtimes to socialise with other Y7s. We also have lots of clubs and activities to find children with similar interests.

9. What time does school start and finish?

We ask you to arrive at 8.10am and lessons are finished by 3pm. If you do a club or fixture you may finish later.

10. Do you really have a racing car?

Yes, we have a Formula-E team who have an electric kit car that they have built and modified and race. Our next race is in November (fingers crossed) at the Lotus Test Track.

11. How does the school know about me before I start?

Our Transition Team works very hard to ensure we have all the information we need to support our new students. Some of the things we do include speaking to your Y6 teacher, asking you to fill out an 'All About Me' form and your parents/carers to fill out an 'All About My Child' form and arranging you to meet with your form tutor.

And from our live Parents' Event here are some specific questions that were asked?

1. We live out of catchment; will we get a place?

We have 160 places. If we are oversubscribed, Norfolk County Council will allocate places as per our admission criteria set out in our Admissions Policy. All we can advise is if you really want your child to come to our School, put us as first choice and ensure you submit your application by 31st October 2020, as any applications received after this date are treated as late applications and will be allocated during the second round.

Each year after offer day we have a lot of movement – so if we are not offered as your first choice – don't panic. Just follow the procedures that will be outlined in your offer letter.

2. Our child has SEND, how will we ensure that they get the support they need?

The Transition Team meet with all the Year 6 primary school teachers and their SENDCo's to discuss students' needs. There is also a SEND section on our admission form for parents/carers to outline needs and attach any relevant documentation. The SEND Department will contact all families whose children are on the SEND register.

3. Do we need to pay for clubs?

The majority of our clubs are free and are run by our teachers. We have a selection of activities which do require payments for example private music lessons, the Bandwagon and our Drama Club, which are all run by external providers.

4. Is it essential for our child to have a smart phone?

No. Sometimes teachers might ask students to use their phones during a lesson for a Kahoot quiz. We have tablets for those students who don't have a phone.

5. Do you only use SATs to set Maths groups?

We use all the information, including SATs, given to us by the Primary Schools to initially create the groups, but these are reviewed on a regular basis and children are moved accordingly.

6. My child suffers from severe allergies how will the school support them?

On our admission form is a health section. All medical issues should be outlined here. If your child has a care plan a copy should be attached to your completed admission form and returned to the school. Students with serious/complex medical needs will be contacted by Mrs Harvey to see how we can best support your child.

7. Can my child wear shorts instead of trousers?

Students can wear shorts as part of our Summer uniform (September to the October Half Term and from after Easter until July).

We hope you have found all the information you need on our website and in our Transition Documents, however if you have any other questions, please contact the School.