

TRANSITION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time can I drop my child in the morning?

School gates open at 8.00am. Pupils need to arrive by 8.15am at the latest and go to their College areas.

Do students get a locker?

Usually students would get a locker, however under current restrictions the use of lockers is not available.

What does my child do if they get lost?

Ask any adult or student for help and they will happily help them. They will take them to their lesson or bring them to Check-In.

My child receives free school meals, how will that work? Do I need to do anything?

Applications for free school meals are made via the Swindon Borough Council website. The link is on the Transition webpage at: <https://www.swindon-academy.org/admissions/year-6-into-7>

What do I do if my child is unwell?

You will need to contact the school before 8.15am and tell us your child won't be in and why. The absence line is 01793 426973. A member of Attendance Team is in school from 7.00am. There is also an answer phone facility for you to leave a message.

What does my child do if they feel unwell while in school?

If this happens out of a lesson time, they need to come to student reception to see the first aider. If they feel unwell in a lesson, they will need to tell their teacher who will decide how to deal with it.

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How will my child make friends?

Your child will be placed into a tutor group with 3 or 4 other Year 7's. They will see these students every day and will hopefully build a relationship with them. They will also see their tutor every day and older students in their tutor group. Year 7 also have Base Camp which is great way for them to get to know each other, and they will have time to mix at break and lunch.

What do they need to bring on their first day?

They will need to be dressed in full uniform and have a pencil case with all the correct equipment in. If they have a packed lunch, they will need to bring that with them, if they are buying lunch, they will need to bring money (the recommended amount is £2.30 per day for lunch and approx. £1 per day for break). If your son/daughter is entitled to free school meals, lunch will be provided. Exercise books and prep books will be given out in lessons.

What do I do if I can't afford the uniform?

If this is the case, please contact your child's College Manager in the first instance. Their names are in the Parents' Handbook and in the Transition Presentation.

My child is on medication, what needs to happen?

All medication needs to be brought into school by a parent / carer and handed to our first aider. Paperwork will need to be completed. If your child is on a medical plan, please contact Andrea Halls at andrea.halls@swindon-academy.org

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How will I access my child's homework?
All your child's homework will be uploaded onto an online platform called Epraise. You can access Epraise as long as we have your email address. Your child will be set prep every day, so it is always worth checking daily. We will provide with you instructions of how to access and use Epraise.

Can my child go to the toilet during lesson time?

No. Students are not allowed to go to the toilet during lessons, they will need to use the toilet at lesson changeover and break/lunch. They have 7 opportunities to use the toilet throughout the day. The only exception to this is for students who have a medical pass.

We will continue to update this document as we are asked more questions.