

**New to Year 7 Parent Evening
Wednesday 30th June 2021**

Question	Answer
Do you only allow grey trousers for boys or is black acceptable?	All trousers or shorts must be charcoal.
Are shorts acceptable for boys or long trousers only?	Boys and girls are both welcome to wear tailored shorts to school.
Is there a parking near the school please?	The school car park is open during the morning drop off and we have a drop off zone so we would encourage you not to park up but use the drop off zone. There are also local roads where you are able to park but lots of our parents encourage their children to talk down to 'The Junction' (local gym) and collect from there.
Are you contacting current schools for information on our children?	Yes – our team will have been in contact with your child's school to collect transitional information and our pastoral team will speak with the pastoral team at their current setting.
On your website it says you can buy a full pencil case and other stationery, is this available to everyone or just current students?	Yes, this will be available to you. We will set you up with parent pay so your child can request stationary and then we will invoice you for this. A full pencil case is £3.50 and most of our pupils take us up on this offer. Everything is sold at cost so is cheaper than most local retailers.
Do they have to bring everything in on the first day and leave it or can they use a backpack?	At the moment we are saying no to backpacks but encouraging pupils to use drawstring bags as they only need their lunchbox, water bottle and pencil case.
Do they need to wear face masks?	Currently, we are encouraging KS3 pupils to wear masks due to the current climate in school but we would hope in September that they will not have to wear masks but we will contact you to update regarding the covid guidance on their return.
Will we receive an information pack with what we need etc?	Yes, we hope to have information packs out to you this Friday and this will include a welcome booklet for you, transition booklet for your child and letter informing you of their class.
Can they bring their own pencil case set?	Yes, they are welcome to bring their own but we do ask that it is not distracting and needs to be able to fit within a single tray (dimensions are in the pack we will be sending out).
Is there places for them store bike if they ride in to school - also if riding in are they ok to use a backpack?	Yes, there is a bike store area where they can securely store their bike but this is at the own responsibility. Some pupils cycle with a backpack and place their drawstring bag inside so that they can use the drawstring during the school day and their back

	pack is stored away with the helmets by the KS3 pupil leaders.
If the first Monday is a PE day - will they need to come in in their PE kit?	We would like all pupils to start their first day in their school uniform but we will have PE kit days again this academic year.
Do they need provide the bike ability certificate?	We no longer request a bike ability certificate because we have found in the past that there was not enough capacity on the courses and it has been made more difficult to book these courses since covid. We want to support parents in getting their pupils to school and encourage their independence. Therefore, we are happy that if you feel your child is responsible and safe to cycle or scoot to school that we are happy to respect this decision but reserve the right to stop a child cycling to school if their behaviour is unsafe.
Where will they store helmets?	Some children choose to clip their helmet to their bike or scooter. We have KS3 pupil leaders who collect in the bigger back packs and helmets and store in a space in the LRC.
Is there a school bus?	We do not have a school bus but we do have a bus route on Dunyeats road you would need to check the local bus timetable.
Will we be able to speak to the pastoral care team/inclusion team before September? Or at least at the beginning of September?	We have received all transitional information but if you feel there is additional information we need to know or would feel reassured by meeting with the inclusion team please email yours and your child's name across to the school office and we will get in contact.