



Year 6 Transition

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the children find out what form they are in, and will they meet their form tutor during transition?

- A. Children will find these out during the transition evenings in July. On this evening they will meet their form tutor and will spend time with them during transition week. In September, they will spend 20 minutes a day with them during form time.

Q. Will the children need to bring their own equipment i.e., pencil case for transition?

- A. Children will need a pencil case during transition week. This needs to contain a black pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, and highlighter pen (optional). This information is outlined in the transition handbook and transition bulletins.

Q. Will the need a PE kit for transition?

- A. Yes. It is hoped they will be able to experience at least one PE lesson during the transition visits. This can be whatever they currently wear for primary school PE.

Q. What can they wear during transition? Can they wear leavers hoodie? Also at primary this year they were advised to wear trainers instead of school shoes. Are black trainers ok for the transition days, or should I purchase school shoes?

- A. During transition week, we expect children to wear their current primary school uniform. From September, they are expected to fully comply with the Academy uniform policy (please see Transition Handbook).

Q. Will the canteen be open in Sept? Or will it be grab bags or packed lunch?

- A. We are confident normal service will be resumed in the canteen. We will provide every Y7 child with a free lunch for the first 3 days in September. This will allow the children to settle into their new routine and allow us to set up fingerprints for the Parent Pay account.

Q. Can they get the bus during transition?

- A. Yes. We have informed all service providers that Y6 will be travelling. They will honour the half price fare for this week, but all children need to have the Young Persons Travelcard for September (please see Transition Handbook).

Q. Can you bring money to school during transition days for school dinners as they will not be set up for biometric?

- A. We are a cashless school (except for bus fare, but this too can be contactless). Please do not send your child with money as it will not be accepted or required.

Q. Current ParentPay - will it be transferred from my child's current primary school to Royds, or do we need to set up a new one?

- A. It can be transferred across.

Q. If my child loses any piece of school uniform do you have a deadline as to when it needs to be replaced?

- A. This should not be a problem during the early stage of their arrival at the Academy. If this does happen, we appreciate it can take time to replace. Through agreement with the child's Learning Manager and/or Head of Year, an appropriate timescale will be agreed.

Q. Do the children need a certain pass for the school buses?

- A. They only need a Young Person's Travelcard (this entitles half-price travel across West Yorkshire, until the child's school leaving age at 16). The Local Authority are not currently operating a priority bus pass for any Royds service.

Q. Can the children bring a water bottle to school?

- A. Yes, this is encouraged. Only water can be drunk in lessons. No energy or carbonated drinks allowed for packed lunches.

Q. For outdoor pe on colder days can the children wear navy/black leggings/bottoms?

- A. This is at the discretion of the PE teacher.

Q. Will the children know whose form they are in before starting in September? Inc names of other children in class (i.e., people from their primary school/friendship group)

- A. We will inform your child which Form Group they are in prior to the summer.

Q. As there are also no transition days and the children will be taught in form classes initially, we feel this is even more important this year.

- A. Yes, until October.

Q. How have the children been assessed this year? I know my son had some tests recently but hoping they were not the only measure and that a more rounded teacher assessment has been made to group them.

- A. We will be teaching the children in mixed-ability form groups until October. During this time, we will be baseline testing the entire cohort to help re-group in October.

Q. Do the children receive their timetable etc before they start so they know what lessons to expect on the first day? My daughter at Royds received hers in transition week which really helped her in September.

- A. This is usually the case but without the transition days, it will now be in September.

Q. Could some guidelines be provided in regards the expectations from students. What is allowed/what not. what would get me in trouble?

A. Please see the Transition Handbook located on the Academy website.

Q. Where can I find First Aid/aiders?

A. This will be marked on the map in the Student Planner (issued in September).

Q. Could you provide a small demonstration of how a student would use the finger recognition in the canteen.

A. This will be set up in September when the children join. It is a 10 second job.

Q. If a student is warm, can they take off their blazer?

A. This is at the discretion of the teacher and permission needs to be granted, but yes.

Q. Is a calculator required as part of the student equipment?

A. This is an optional piece of equipment. It will be provided but some KS4 students do opt to purchase one.

Q. Can a student visit the toilet during lesson time?

A. We encourage children to use the toilet before school, during break and lunchtimes (unless they have a medical need, and a toilet pass will be issued). We want to ensure we maximise learning time and avoid any unnecessary disruption to this.