Year 6 into Year 7 Transition: Frequently Asked Questions

Which way do I come into school?
There are three entrances you can enter school from; One is located on The Avenue almost opposite Arlebury Park, another off the Avenue opposite Pound Hill (there is pedestrian access but this is also used by delivery vehicles, Patchwork nursery and staff to access the staff car parks) and the main one being off Jacklyns Lane which is also where the majority of the school buses enter/leave.

How long is the school day?
The school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.15pm. You should be on the school site by 8.30am so you're not late to AM tutor time.

How many lessons are there and how long are they?
There are six lessons in each day and are 50 minutes long. Perins has a two-week timetable so you might not have the same lessons both days in the cycle. You will get used to the timetable.

When do we get our Yr7 timetable?
You will find out your timetable and be given a copy on your first day in September.

When do I find out who my tutor is and which House I'm in?
Organising tutor groups is a very complex job, but we hope to let you know who your tutor is in June. You will also find out which House you are in. We have four House's at Perins; Ventus (yellow), Ignis (red), Terra (green) and Aqua (purple). Each House has a different colour tie.

When do I find out who is going to be in my tutor group?
On Induction day you will get to meet the other students in your tutor group as well as meeting your tutor and spend time getting to know them.

Will my lessons be taught in my tutor group?
You are not taught in your tutor group. Your teaching groups are different, so you get to meet lots of new friends.

What lessons will I have at Perins?
Many of the lessons will be the same as in your primary/junior school such as Maths and English. You will also do; Science, Geography, History, RE, Life Studies (PSHE), Art, Drama, Music, Technology, PE and either French or Spanish. In Year 7 you also study, Perins Values, Enterprise, Speaker Programme, Digital Literacy and have a silent reading lesson.

How do I find my way around Perins and what happens if I get lost?
Everyone gets lost and we totally understand that as a new Yr7 you probably will and it's absolutely normal! You will be given a map of the school site and you will very quickly find that you start to remember your way around. If you get lost just ask someone, there are always many people to ask. Perins staff are identified by a blue staff lanyard that they wear around their neck.

How long is break and lunch time?
Break time is 10.25am to 10.45am and lunch time is 1.15pm to 2.05pm
Year 7 start lunch 10 minutes ahead of the rest of the school in September, so you can get to the front of the queues in the canteen. This may not seem like a long time but you will quickly get use to the systems in school.

What kind of food is there in the canteen?
Aspens are the caterers at Perins, and they offer a wide variety of food catering for everyone; a daily main meal, pizzas, paninis and pasta bowls, salad bar, baguettes, sandwiches and many desserts such as muffins, biscuits and fruit.
https://www.perins.net/about-perins/general-information/catering-at-perins/

Am I allowed to bring a mobile phone to school?
You are permitted to bring your mobile phone to school, however if must be switched off and put in your bag when you arrive on school site. If you are caught using your phone at any time during the day you will be told to take it up to Student Services where you can collect it again, at the end of the school day. If you are caught for a third time, rather than you collecting it at the end of the day, your parents/carers must collect it.

How do I pay for my lunch?
Our canteen is cashless, and payment is made in advance, into your account via our online payment system (SCOPAY). To buy items in the canteen, you simply place their finger on the scanner and the system uses a finger pattern recognition method to identify the student. It displays the student's name and their account balance; deducts for the items they are buying and then shows them their new balance.

What are the older students like?
Many of our older students are very supportive of our youngers students and will help you if you lost or need some support. Some of our Yr11's are POR's (hold positions of responsibility) and you can spot these students by the different ties they wear.

Am I allowed to wear jewellery?
The only jewellery you are permitted at Perins is a watch and one earing in each ear. These must be small and discreet studs only.

Am I allowed to wear my hair down?
Yes, you can but you should always have a hair tie with you for practical lessons such as PE, Technology and Science.

Can girls wear trousers?
Yes, girls can choose to wear trousers but must be within the school uniform guidelines.
https://www.perins.net/admissions/uniform/girls-uniform/

What will I need to bring on my first day?
On your first day you will need to bring a notebook, pencil case, water bottle and a packed lunch or money to buy food from the canteen. You will **NOT** need your PE kit on your first day.

What if I get bullied at school?
At Perins we do not tolerate bullying and it is really important that you tell someone, whether this is a friend, parent/carer, your tutor, your Deputy Head of House or Head of House. You must tell somebody to enable them to deal with it for you.

What do I do if I'm not feeling unwell?
If your feeling unwell during the school day you must go to the main school office. If a member of the office team feels that you need to go home, they will contact your parents/carers. Please do not contact your parents/carers without going to the welfare room first.

What are PiP cards?
You will be given a PiP card on your first day in September and your tutor will explain how these are used to monitor behaviour. You will also be given a small wallet to keep it safe in.

How much homework will I get?
In your first few weeks you will not have any homework while you settle into the routines of secondary school. After that you will receive homework in all subjects. You should spend around 30minutes per piece of homework and in the majority of cases you get one week to complete your homework.

How will I find out what my homework is? We will be using a new system called ClassCharts which will tell you what your homework is, when it is due and have resources to use if you need them. Your parents/carers will also have access to ClassCharts so they can see what you need to do and can help you organise this.

What happens if I don't complete my homework?
Homework is one of the big expectations at Perins and all students are expected to complete their homework. If homework continues to not be completed, you will be given detentions to enable you to complete the work.

If I'm struggling with my homework who can I talk to?
If you are struggling to complete your homework, talk to your subject teacher. You can either talk to them face to face or email them. This must be done in good time before the homework is due in, so you have the opportunity to complete it and hand it in.

What clubs are there?

There are many enrichment clubs at Perins that you can get involved with from PE to Creative Arts. A flavour on what's on offer can be found here:
https://www.perins.net/clubs-and-trips/clubs-societies-list/

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Harrison at transtion@perins.hants.sch.uk