



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 (crossing point), 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 – **NOT** to be used by families to drop off students). The main entrance onto the school site is the one off Jacklyns Lane which is also where the school buses enter/leave. This is also where parents/carers can drop off/collect students.



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, with each lesson being 55 minutes long. Perins has a two-week timetable (week A and week B) - 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 which Tutor group I am in?

Organising tutor groups is a very complex task, but we hope to let you know who your tutor is towards the end of the summer term while you are in year 6. You are placed in tutor groups using all the information given to us by your primary school teachers; this includes any information regarding issues which may exist (past or present) between students. We are unable to guarantee that students will be placed with their closest friends.

We work very hard to ensure that where students are coming on their own from their primary school to match with other students joining us on their own. If students know other students joining us (from clubs outside of school), please let us know.

When do I find out which House I am in?

When you find out your tutor group, you will also find out which House you are in **(you may not be in the same as a sibling)**. We have four House's at Perins: Ventus (yellow), Ignis (red), Terra (green) and Aqua (purple). Each House has a different colour striped 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 get to 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 staff around and about. 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 10.45 to 11.05am and lunch time is 12.45 to 1.35pm. Year 7 start lunch 10 minutes ahead of the rest of the school in September for a few weeks, so you can get to the front of the queues in the canteen and get use to the 'hustle and bustle'.

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. A lunch meal deal costs £2.40 <https://www.perins.net/about-perins/general-information/catering-at-perins/>

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, we use face recognition to identify the student. It displays the student's name and their account balance; deducts for the items being bought and then shows the remaining balance.

Am I allowed to bring a mobile phone to school?

Mobile phones are allowed in school; however, it 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 need to take it up to Student Services where you can collect it at the end of the school day. If you are caught for a third time, your parents/carers will be asked to collect it.

What happens if I lose my mobile?

The school does not take responsibility for mobile phones, and we encourage mobile phones not to be brought into school.

Am I allowed to wear jewellery?

The only jewellery you are permitted at Perins is a watch and one earring 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.

What are the older students like?

Many of our older students are very supportive of our younger 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.

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 Head of Year 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 (near the big tree). 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 to collect you if you're feeling unwell. The office team will make contact.

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 and gain achievement points. You will also be given a small wallet to keep it safe in (the colour of your House).

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 most cases you get one week to complete your homework.

How will I find out what my homework is? We use a system called ClassCharts which tells you what your homework is, when it is due and will 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. We also have a homework club that takes place at lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursday's.

What clubs are there that I can join?

There are many enrichment clubs at Perins that you can get involved with from PE to Creative arts. You and your parents/carers will be informed of these as they start. You can join more than one club and we encourage this. It is a great way of meeting new friends outside of your normal friendship groups.

Lost Property

Please can all uniform, PE kit, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles be named! All lost property that is named, normally finds its way back to its owner. All lost property is taken to the main school office (near the big tree). As a school we take no responsibility for lost property.

What will I need to bring on my first day in September?

On your first day you will need to bring a notebook, pencil case, water bottle and a packed lunch. You will **NOT** need your PE kit on your first day.

We will send out more details on what to expect on your first day at the end of the summer term.

If you have a question that we haven't answered above, please email the Transition team and someone will get back to you. No question is silly, all questions are important, and we will update the website with any we receive. You ever know, someone else may have had the same question!