

When and how can we buy the school uniform?

Uniform can be purchased online or via an appointment at the shop in Stone which is now open. The uniform shop has proposed holding a pop-up shop at The Grove School in August to avoid school when students are present during term time. This is pencilled in for 15th and 16th August. This is subject to an acceptable risk assessment being received before this time.

The shop is located at: Trutex Schoolwear, 11 Emerald Way, Stone, ST15 0SR
The website can be found at: www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk

Is there going to be an Induction Day for Year 6 students/parents?

The school are following the Department for Education guidance around induction day and would like all parents and carers to be aware that “visits to secondary schools for induction will not take place this year”.

However, please be assured the Transition team have already done a number of class introductions to Year 6 students and are working hard to put in plans for an induction package as and when the Government allow it.

How do I sort a school bus pass?

School bus passes are all done through Shropshire council. Please visit their website for more information: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/>

Where do I go on my first day?

You will be able to enter through the main gate at the front of school or the side gate on Great Hales Street. Depending on government guidelines, we will inform you whether we can meet all together in the Main Hall, or assemble in tutor groups. There will be lots of friendly faces to greet you either way.

What if I get lost?

No need to worry about getting lost, you won't really be lost, but at some point, you may be unsure where your classroom is: you don't need to panic. All our teachers and students are extremely helpful, all you need to do is ask and someone will point you in the right direction or often, walk you to lesson. All the classroom doors are clearly labelled. You will additionally have a tour of the school. By October, you will be brilliant at knowing your way around. Trust us!

How much homework will I get?

We would expect you to get between 3-4 hours of homework a week. To make sure you keep on top of your homework, you will be given a school planner where you can write everything down and the date it is due in. It is best to do your homework the night you get it, then you know it has been completed and you won't forget to do it.

What does a typical day look like?

You should arrive at school by around 8.30am and be in your tutor room for 8.40am. Every Monday morning, instead of tutor time, you will have assembly with your Head of Year. The school day finishes at 3pm where you will make your own way home, catch a bus, or stay for an after-school club. Bells sound at the end of each session so that you know when you go to the next lesson or break time.

What can you do at break and lunch time?

Year 7 are fortunate to have their own grass area behind D-block. You can also choose to go anywhere else permitted within the school boundaries where you have the chance to socialise with friends, eat lunch, read and/or sit on the benches.

There are also lunch time clubs such as Pokémon and Computing. We find break and lunch time flies by!

What extracurricular clubs can I join?

At The Grove School we offer lots of extracurricular opportunities in a variety of different subjects. A few examples of clubs that have run this year for Year 7 are: Science club, Choir, Band club, Art club, Homework club and PE clubs like football, netball, gymnastics, badminton and more.

We love it if students take their transition to secondary school as a chance to try something new and join a club: you can go to as many as you like. It is also a great way of meeting new people and making friends. When you start at The Grove School, there will be an extracurricular timetable outlining all the activities on offer.

How will the school be up to date with the child's needs if primary school is closed?

We are working closely with primary schools and the Year 6 teachers to collect all key information and data to ensure a smooth transition into Year 7 at The Grove School.

Primary colleagues and The Grove School staff have positive relationships and both parties are working collaboratively to meet pupil needs. However, if you feel there is new information that the primary may not be aware of, you are welcome to contact us on matthew.shone@groveschool.net

How will the school decide which tutor group a pupil is placed in?

We collect information from your primary schools and ask them to recommend learning partners. These are peers that work well together to bring out the best in each other.

If your child is coming from a school where they are the only pupil, we would place them in a tutor group where there are other's in the same situation so that they can support each other.

How will parents know what uniform and equipment is needed?

Each day students will be required to have a blue or black pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, compass, protractor and calculator in a clear pencil case. We advise coloured pencils and a sharpener would be useful. Additionally, students will be provided with a school planner. A strong and sturdy school bag will be needed to carry equipment and school exercise books for the day. We do not provide lockers. Equipment checks will be done daily during registration; it would be a good idea to practice being organised with all the equipment you need.

As students won't be doing SATs, will they be tested in Year 7?

We always conduct baseline assessments with students near the start of their five-year learning journey at The Grove School so that we have an accurate understanding of their ability and to ensure we accurately support progress.

We are in close contact with primary schools who are also advising us of individual abilities and levels during the summer term.