

Testwood Year 6 Transition Bulletin



March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your child to Testwood School. As you are aware, your child has been allocated a place at Testwood School to start in Year 7 from September 2021. I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these unusual times. This Year 6 Transition Bulletin is an addition to our usual offer, as I want to ensure you are all kept informed of transition information and support for your child during the Spring and Summer term. I hope to send out this communication to our feeder schools on a monthly basis to pass onto you.



Every child. Every step. Every day.

--Year 6 Welcome pack to parents--

You will all receive a welcome pack from Testwood via your child's school. They have been delivered to several of our feeder schools in envelopes to be brought home by your child.

The contents will include; Admission to Year 7 Checklist: Data Collection Sheet, Educational Visit Consent, Medical Consent, Free School Meals, Photo Consent, IT Agreement, Cycle Permission.

These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to Testwood School by Wednesday 31st March 2021. Late forms will only slow down the whole transition process for everyone as a lot of the organisation of tutor groups relies on these forms being returned.

Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

--A few quotes from the current Year 7's about their first term--

Hopefully these comments from a number of our Year 7's will support your child with transition.

One useful piece of information when you joined.

'Be yourself and be nice to everyone', 'I found the planners map in the school diary very useful because I managed to find my way around the school'.

Year 7 advice for new Year 7's.

'You will meet new people and make new friends', 'Don't worry and just always listen to teachers because they are trying to help you'.

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Year 7's first impression of Testwood.

'I thought it was amazing and all the teachers are lovely', 'that it was safe and you can try anything'

The comment that sums up your first term at Testwood.

'The teachers were really supportive throughout the first term', 'eventful and the teachers were very welcoming', 'I enjoyed making new friends and becoming closer to old friends'.



YOUNGMINDS

Provides advice and tips to support the transition process. I hope you find this useful, especially if this is your first child to move into secondary education.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/find-your-feet-transition-tips-for-parents/>

Find Your Feet: Transition Tips for Parents. 10 ways for parents to help their children cope with change.

I hope that you have found this first bulletin useful. Each month I will aim to introduce further information and guidance to assist you through the process. I also hope to offer some reassurances and to ensure you receive regular updates. As a parent myself with a child who will be moving from Year 6 into his local secondary school in 2022, I hope to be able to bring a parent perspective to my role in supporting you.

If you have any concerns or questions, then feel free to email me.

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