

All Saints Catholic College

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Transition Guide



Your child will have all sorts of worries, and no doubt so will you. Hopefully our induction programme will help with some helpful tips

Before the first day

1. Will my child be bullied?

Sadly bullying does happen in every school, but it is very rare. If someone is making your child unhappy they must tell someone. Bullying is completely unacceptable and will be treated as such. By telling someone the bullying almost always stops straight away. Remember nobody can help if they don't know it's happening. At school please encourage your child to tell an adult or the young leaders who are trained in anti-bullying. They can also report bullying on line using the tootoot system. They will receive the log in details in September.

2. The Journey

Will my child get to school on time? What if the bus is late? What if they get lost or miss the bus?

Have a practice run in the holidays .Try to make the journey first thing in the morning to make the experience as realistic as possible.

Have a plan with your child as to what to do if it all goes wrong. If your child has a mobile phone, does it have the school number in?

Your child will need an IGO card to travel on Tameside buses. Apply well in advance of September.

If you travel by car, please drop them off near the gym. Please do not enter or park in the bus layby or come into the school gate as it is unsafe for those students on foot.

At Home

1. My child is worried about losing their work .

Have a workspace in your house that is your child's for completing homework, A plastic box is really useful for storing any school books or work sheets that they have brought home.

2. My child is disorganised what can they do?

They need to use their planner accurately and appropriately to write in their homework. They need to get into the habit of packing their bag and laying out their uniform the night before; this will help with the last minute Panics.



The school day



1. All Saints is a big school, what if my child gets lost trying to find their classroom?

They will be shown around on induction days. Each child will also be given a map of the school on their first day.

The older students remember what it was like to be in year 7 and are encouraged to support the younger students. The student leadership team will also be about to support your child around the building in their first few weeks of term.

2. Will the work be too hard?

Every student is an individual with different learning needs. Don't worry about this one it's the teachers job to make sure the work your child is given is right for them.

3. Food! What happens at breakfast, break

And lunch time? Can my child buy food and drink?

The dining room is open before school selling breakfast and drinks. Your child can sit in there with friends until form time. At break, your year will be on with another year group Preventing the whole school being on at the same time. Your Child can go outside or sit in the canteen with their friends. Food and drink are available to buy from the dining room or your child can bring a pack lunch with them.

At lunchtime we have three lunch sittings each sitting is half an hour.

If your child is on free school meals, the money will automatically be put onto their account



4. What if your child needs to go to the toilet during a lesson?

We try to discourage children going to the toilet during lessons. Your child's teacher might ask your child to wait. If they have to go, the teacher will give your child a pass. If they have a medical need to go to the toilet during lessons they will be given a permission pass allowing them to do so. If you need one of these please contact your child's form tutor.



5. What if my child loses something?

If it is named it will find its way back to them. All lost property is taken to the main office. Please encourage your child to go and ask there during break and lunchtime if something is lost. Please note we cannot take responsibility for lost items.

6. Will they need money?

Yes, there are times when they need money. They might have cash to put on their dinner account. If they are doing food technology they might need money to cover the cost of ingredients, the teacher will let you know in advance of how much it will be. Occasionally we have charity events like cake sales which also require money.

7. What will my child need to bring with them every day?

They will need their "high-Five". This is a pen, pencil, ruler, planner and scientific calculator. In addition, they will need a reading book. They will also be required to bring their PE kit and maybe their exercise books / homework.



8. Will they need to carry everything around with them all day?

Unfortunately, yes. If this is causing them a problem, please encourage your child to tell their form tutor, they might be able to help. Sadly we do not have any space for lockers.

9. We want to go away on holiday and will need the time off school

No holiday at all will be authorised by the school. It is against the law to authorise holidays and you may face a penalty notice if you choose to take your child out of school.

10. What if my child loses an important letter?

Don't worry all letters can be viewed on our website and we always print spares.

11. Will my child make friends?

Lots and lots of them!! There are over 100 students coming to All Saints this year from over 25 primary schools. Many students won't know anyone at all. By the end of their very first day, they will have made new friendships that will last a lifetime. If they are worried, they can speak to their form tutor or the young leaders.

12. My child's uniform is lost or damaged, what should I do?

Send a note in with your child to their form tutor explaining the situation; please include a timescale for when the problem will be resolved. We also have a stock of clean spare uniform that your child can lend from pastoral.



13. My child is disorganised, despite things that I can do at home, I am still worried that they will be sanctioned for not having their equipment.

If your child has additional educational needs, support will be put into place through learning support and the pastoral team. However, all students can purchase equipment from pastoral before the school day. If they do this then they will not receive a sanction as they have taken responsibility for sorting their own problem out.

14. My child cannot do after school detentions.

By law, parents and carers CANNOT withdraw their child from after school detention. For all detentions at the end of the school day 24 hours notice will always be given to allow families to arrange for their child to make their way home safely. Failure to attend an after school detention will mean parents and carers will be expected to come into school the following morning for a meeting with a senior member of staff and your child being isolated for the day. If your child cannot do the detention due to a prior commitment, please let us know and we will arrange to do it another time.

15. Is it right that my child can bring their mobile phone with them to school?

Yes! However we are not responsible for their safety or security. They can only be used before school and to check the time on during break and lunch NOT during lessons. Please resist the temptation to contact your child during the school day on their phone as they will receive a consequence for having their phone out when they shouldn't. If you need to contact them in an emergency please call the main office and we will get a message to them. To encourage independence please do not accept calls from your child during the school day. This is often very difficult but necessary for your child's development.

16. I work in the evening and cannot attend parents evening. What should I do?

If you have employment or other commitments that you cannot change, please let us know. We will endeavour to try to meet you at another more convenient time. It is an expectation that we meet every parent / carer at least on one occasion every year. Statistically young people who have a parent or a carer attend a Parents' Evening achieve better than those who don't.

17. Do you post any events on social media?

We proudly celebrate all our achievements, trips, visits and events as well as day to day learning on twitter and facebook. Please follow us on

#allsaintsccduk on Twitter

All Saints Catholic College Dukinfield on Facebook



useful websites!

- www.connectsafely.org/guides-3/ on-line safety
- www.itsnotokay.co.uk/ - Child sexual exploitation
- www.knowdrugs.org – drugs
- www.tameside-sid.org.uk/ Tameside Services Information directory
- www.tameside.gov.uk/surestart/tops/information - Family information service
- www.tameside.gov.uk/youthservice - tameside youth service
- www.childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-attendance-and-absence - Attendance advice
- <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/> - Anti-bullying