

Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Year 6 to 7 Transition

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be allowed to go to the toilet during lessons? What if it is between lessons and it may make me late for my next lesson?

You should try to use the toilets during break / lunchtimes but, if needed, teachers will allow you to use the toilets during lessons. Instead of going during lesson changeovers, you should go to your next lesson and inform your teacher that you need the toilet, instead of being late.

How long do we get for lunch?

Pupils currently have 30 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for break.

Can I buy food from the canteen and eat it elsewhere?

Food (whether purchased from the canteen or not) has to be consumed within the canteen or seating area just outside of the canteen.

Where do I go if I am hurt/have an accident or feel unwell?

You should go to see Mrs Bedford or a member of the Achievement Team in the Well-being Centre if you have hurt yourself or feel unwell.

What do I do if I suddenly discover I have no money on my lunch account?

You should go to the canteen, ask to speak with Mrs Evans (Head of Catering) and she will be able to help you (you will just owe this money and it will be deducted when your account is topped up).

What can you get a detention for?

Pupils may be given detention at break time or lunch time and this can be due to misbehaviour on the school site or in a lesson, failure to complete enough work during a lesson or a failure to complete homework.

How do I know what will be on the lunch menu the day before?

All information about the canteen and meals of the day etc. are on the notice boards in the canteen. More information can also be found on our website or alternatively, using the following link

<https://www.cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk/parents/catering>

You can also use the canteen for snacks and food at breaktime.

On the day of a music lesson do we bring our instruments to school?

Yes, and this will either need to be carried with you or stored within the music department.

Do we have to keep PE kits in school?

No, you should take them home, especially if they are dirty and need a wash. However, you can keep a spare set in your locker, just in case you forget it.

How big do our school bags need to be? Do we need to be able to fit an A4 file inside?

Yes, they will need to fit an A4 file / book inside, as subjects like Art and Design & Technology use large workbooks. Most pupils use standard size backpacks / rucksacks.

Can we bring our phones to school if they stay in our bag?

Yes, mobile phones are permitted in school provided they stay in your bag.

How much homework would we get?

You will get an average of 2 – 3 hours of homework a week.

Can we wear jewellery or nail polish?

Only stud earrings are allowed and they should not extend below the earlobe. Other jewellery such as rings, bracelets and necklaces and nail polish or varnish are not allowed either.

Can you bring a ball to play with at break / lunchtime or are they provided?

No equipment will be provided but if you would like to bring a ball in to play with at break / lunchtime, that is allowed. However, the ball will be your responsibility and you will need to look after it.

How many classes are there in Year 7?

In each year group, there are 8 form classes made up of around 30 pupils with a total year group comprising of 240+ pupils.

Are we allowed to go into the school / canteen before lessons start?

***The school site is accessible from 8am.
We will have further information about next year's canteen provision soon.***

How much time do you have to walk from one class to the next?

Teachers allow pupils 5 minutes transition time, in order to get from one lesson to the next.

When will we get our timetables?

You will receive your timetable during your first day in school.

Where do I go on my first day?

On your first day, senior staff will meet you as you arrive in school and will direct you to the main entrance to the A block where you will be given further instructions.

Will I be in class with my friends?

We will try our best to make sure that you have at least one friend from your primary school in your class.

What do I need to bring into school?

On your first day, you will need your school bag, a pencil case (contents included – pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator, protractor, compass, colour pencils).