

Cowbridge Comprehensive School
Year 6 to 7 Transition
Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs)

Will I be allowed to go to the toilet during lessons? What if it is in-between lessons and it may make them late for their next lesson?

Pupils should try to use the toilets during break / lunchtimes, but if needed, teachers will allow them to use the toilets during lessons. Instead of going during lessons changeovers, they should go to their next lesson, inform their teachers that they need the toilet, instead of being late.

How long do we get for lunch?

Pupils 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), or someone else does?

You should go to see Mrs Bedford or a member of the Achievement Team within the Well-being Centre.

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

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 next).

What can you get a detention for?

You can be given detention at break time, lunch time or after school, and this can be due to any misbehaviour on the school site.

How do I know what is going on the lunch menu the day before?

All information about the canteen and meals of the day etc are on the noticeboards within 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 can take them home, especially if they are dirty and need a wash. Although, 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 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?

Mobile phones are permitted in school, but only during break / lunchtimes and outside of each school building. There is one exception to this, and that is that mobile phones are allowed to be used in the canteen, when seated.

***NB* You are not to contact your parents if you are ill. If you or your parents need to contact each other, you can do so via a school telephone / the receptionist.**

If you do bring a mobile phone on site, they are your responsibility and please be aware, that phones can get damaged.

If we get detention do we stay in at lunch or after school?

Detentions will be allocated during your break-time, lunch-time or after-school, depending on the incident and its nature.

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 studded earrings are allowed, which should not extend below the earlobe. No rings, bracelets or necklaces, and nail polish or varnish is 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 one in to play with at break / lunchtime, that is allowed. Although, this is your responsibility and you need to look after it / keep it safe.

How many classes are there in Year 7?

In each year group, there are 8 form classes made up of around 30 pupils. Each year group normally consists of 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. The canteen will also be open at this time, and will serve breakfast for any interested pupils.

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

Teachers will give pupils 5 minutes transition time, in order to get from one lesson to the next. If any pupil is longer, and without a valid reason, this will be classified as 'late'.

When will we get our new timetables?

You will receive your new timetables during your first day in school and these will be explained to you on this day also.

Where do I go on my first day?

On your first day, you will either be met at the car park or outside of A block. There you will be sent to the main area outside of A block (piazza), where you will be given further instructions.

Will I be in class with my friends?

Within your form classes, you will have at least one pupil from your primary school and within your friendship group.

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, coloured pencils), a coat and a diary.