



To: Year 6 SEND Parents / Carers

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Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Transition to Gospel Oak School for SEND Students

We are aware your son/daughter will feel a mixture of excitement and trepidation at the thought of starting a new secondary school. The following activities, planned over 2-part days, for students who are on the SEND register, and 2 full days for all year 6 students, are designed to help ease their anxieties, forge new relationships with their new peers and tutor, become familiar with our routines, understand our high expectations and how to meet them successfully. This is so that they can spend their summer looking forward to all the new opportunities on offer at Gospel Oak School. We look forward to meeting both you and your son/daughter in the very near future.

Below is an outline of the schedule for the days.

SEND SPECIFIC

Wednesday 19th June – including lunch (Morning 9.15am – 12.15pm)

9.15am – 9.30am Students arrive and are greeted at the gate by SEND staff.

Please can I stress that parents/carers must not be on the school site and should instead say their good-byes at the front gate.

9.30am – 10.00am Students attend HIVE area for introductions.

10.00am – 11.30am Students split into 2 groups for a tour of the school and a circus team building activity – both accompanied by SEND staff.

11.30am – 12.00pm Lunch in the Bistro will be provided

12.00pm – 12.15pm Students walked to the gate to be collected.

Wednesday 26th June (Afternoon 13.00pm – 14.40pm)

13.00pm – 13.15pm Students arrive and are greeted at the gate by SEND staff.

Please can I stress that parents/carers must not be on the school site and should instead say their good-byes at the front gate.

13.15pm – 13.30pm Students to attend HIVE area to be split into groups and escorted to lessons.

13.30pm – 14.30pm Rotation of 3 taster lessons accompanied by SEND staff.

14.30pm – 14.40pm Squash and biscuits in the HIVE area.

14.40pm Students walked to the gate for collection.

ALL STUDENTS

Wednesday 3rd July (9.15am to 2.30pm)

High expectations at Gospel Oak School
Rewards and behaviour system
Meet tutor.
Tour of school
PE activities

Thursday 4th July (9.15am to 2.30pm)

Routines and procedures
Reading
A taste of lessons
Enterprise activity

Transition evening - Thursday 4th July (6pm to 7.30pm)

Headteacher's welcome
Year Team Lead vision and expectations
Meet the tutor & the pastoral team.
Uniform sizing

On arrival for 3rd & 4th July

Students will be welcomed at the main gate at 9.15am and will be guided to the sports hall. Please can I stress that parents/carers must not be on the school site and should instead say their good-byes at the front gate. Staff will be available to welcome and inform students of their tutor group. Students will then line up with their tutor group in silence, which is one of the routines students follow through the academic year.

Uniform/Equipment

Students must wear their primary school uniform including their normal school shoes. On Wednesday 3rd July students must bring their trainers to participate in sports team activities. Students should bring a pen, pencil and ruler with them.

During

During the induction days, students will have the opportunity to experience and understand the routines and expectations we implement at Gospel Oak School. We implement high expectations to ensure all students can learn in a safe and purposeful environment free from distraction. Students will become familiar with the school site and have taught lessons in a range of subjects they will study in September. Assemblies and activities will take place throughout the week on aspirations, rewards, behaviour, literacy, and the importance of attendance.

Departure

On the full days the taster school day concludes at 2.30pm. Students will be walked to the main gate in form groups with their teacher for collection.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided by the catering team, funded by school. Students will have a choice of either hot or cold food. If your son/daughter would prefer they can bring their own packed lunch.

Students can of course bring in their own drinks and snacks, but please can you ensure no 'fizzy' or 'energy' drinks are brought into school as they are on the banned items list.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the school website.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Pabla
Assistant Principal



Mr J Bowser
Year Team Lead