

A collection of colorful school supplies including markers, pens, and paper clips scattered on a wooden surface. The supplies are arranged in a somewhat chaotic but organized manner, with some items grouped together and others scattered. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

**What do I need
to know about
starting Year 7
at Fulford?**

Welcome to Fulford School!

We know you might be nervous about starting secondary school but here at Fulford we want to make you feel as safe, welcome and calm as possible. You will meet lots of new people, classrooms, subjects and teachers, which is really exciting. We want you to make the most of your time here and take every opportunity that comes your way. This short document has been designed to help you get to know a bit more about the routines at Fulford and what to expect.

Timings of the School Day

The school day consists of 5 one hour lessons (called Periods) with one short break and one lunchtime break. The timings can be seen in the table.

Lunchtime and Period 4 will be split between KS3 and KS4 meaning that some students will be on Lunch whilst others will be in Period 4 depending on which week it is.

8:30	Buses arrive at school
8:55 – 9:15	Form time
9.15 – 10:15	Period 1
10.15 – 11.15	Period 2
11.15 – 11:35	Break
11.35 – 12:35	Period 3
12.35 – 2:20	Lunch/Period 4 or Period 4/Lunch 12:35 – 1:20 1:20 – 2:20 12:35 – 1:35 1:35 – 2:20
2.20 – 3.20	Period 5
3.20	School ends and buses depart

Travelling to and from school

Depending on where you live will decide how you get to school. Some students will walk; others will take the car or cycle. There are plenty of places to lock your bike up if you decide to cycle to school. However, for many students, travelling to secondary school will involve a school bus, which will be a new experience. If this is the case for you, it is important to check the bus number and what time it arrives at your stop. Ensure you arrive five minutes early to the bus stop in the morning to avoid missing it. After school, all the buses will line up outside the front entrance and it is easy enough to find your bus number.

Finding your way around

This can be one of the most worrying things about starting secondary school. Getting used to such a big place and so many new classrooms will take time but don't worry as help is always available. You will have your timetable in your planner, which will look similar to the one below. Students like to colour code it to make it easier to read. You can see that it has the day, lesson number and subject for each lesson. The timetable also includes the initials of the teacher (for example JBO is Mr Bonsels) and the room number (for example G8). Using this will ensure you turn up to lessons at the right time and in the right room! There are also lots of friendly students and adults on hand to help and your teachers will understand if you are late during the first few weeks.

	Form	1	2	3	4	5
Monday	Form PK A10	Science JBO G8	Religious SN A11	English LN B22	Spanish AKE H5	Music HD B4
Tuesday	Form PK A10	Maths MG A4	Physical E WW ---	History TBO G5	Geography FG N2	Product Design AJO H7
Wednesday	Form PK A10	History TBO G5	English PB B18	French HS H34	Art SHO H29	Maths HH A9
Thursday	Form PK A10	Food/Text PW H26	Science JBO G8	Drama CW H12	Physical E WW ---	Spanish AKE H5
Friday	Form PK A10	French HS H34	Maths MG A4	Personal D FC A3	Science EH G11	English LN B22



During the first week, spend some time before school and at lunch walking around making sure you are familiar with where all your classrooms are. This will make sure you're on time and ready to learn!

Rewards and Sanctions

We like to recognise all the good things you do during school and teachers will use an online system called Class Charts to record this. You will receive a 'positive' for these things and they include producing a good piece of work, showing good effort, teamwork, completing an outstanding piece of homework and many more. The more positives you get the better. On your first day, you will receive your log in details for the school computer system and Class Charts so you can see all your positives and homework. Be sure to write these log in details in your planner so you don't forget them.

A 'negative' will be awarded if you do not follow the Fulford Way for example misbehaving. You may also be given a 'tier' for more serious misbehaviour, which can lead to detentions but we hope you don't receive any of these in Year 7!

Form Time

You will start each day with Form Time, which is an extremely important part of the day and ensures you are ready to learn. It is a 20-minute period where you will come together with your Form Tutor and other members of the form. You will complete various activities including:

- Having your planner checked with your form tutor
- Discussing your positives, negatives and attendance for the week
- Attending assembly
- Discussing 'Fulford Thinks' which is usually a relevant news topic
- Completing quizzes
- Silent reading
- Getting advice
- And lots more



Homework

Homework at Fulford is very manageable and each subject varies with how much you will be set. You will have a planner, which should be used to record all your homework so you don't forget it. Class Charts will also be used so you can check online and your parents can see what homework you have too.

Extra-curricular Clubs

There are so many different clubs on a lunchtime that you can join ranging from Sport Clubs to Bridge Club. They are all very inclusive, allow you to express your talents and abilities, and help you find people with the same interests who could become your friends. All the available clubs will be posted on the Fulford website at the start of the year so you can see which ones you want to go to. Here are some reasons why it is good to join a club:

- You can learn a new skill
- You can practise an existing skill
- You meet lots of new people
- You often get to represent your school in competitions.
- It's fun



Frequently Asked Questions



Will I be with my friends?

You have already indicated who you work well with and are likely to be in a form with some of these people. However, you are not taught in your form groups so will be mixed with other students. This is a great way to meet new people and there is always lunch and break to be with your friends.

How is bullying dealt with?

Bullying is extremely rare at Fulford and dealt with in the most serious of ways. If it does occur, you must report it straight away to one of your teachers who will deal with it from there.

What happens if I miss the bus?

Don't panic! Just contact your parent or carer and they will inform the school that you may be late. Sign in when you get to school at reception and everything will be fine. Just try not to do it more than once!

How will I know what lesson I have and at what time?

On your first day you will get a timetable which will be stuck in your planner. This will tell you the subject, time, room and teacher you have for each of your lessons for that week.

What if I get lost?

Don't worry it happens to everyone! Just ask another teacher or student to show you where your classroom is. All the teachers will be understanding in the first couple of weeks if you are late and will not sanction you. You will quickly learn where all the classrooms are (see the TOP TIP for advice on this and using your timetable).

What if I forget my homework?

The best thing to do if you forget your homework is see your teacher BEFORE the lesson starts and explain what has happened. They will be much more understanding if you do this rather than waiting until it's due to be collected in. Mistakes do happen and you can forget your homework, but just be proactive about finding your teacher and they will help you. Your teacher will be understanding on the first time but will award you a negative if it happens a second time. A good thing to do to avoid this is packing your bag the night before and making sure you have everything for the following day.

What happens if I forget my PE kit?

This answer to this is similar to the homework one above so see your teacher BEFORE the lesson starts and explain what has happened. Be sure to pack your bag the night before!

Who should I go to if I need help?

All the teachers will be keen to help you with any questions or worries that you may have. The first person to speak to would be your Form Tutor. There are also support staff in the pastoral support area, Mr Bonsels (Head of Year) and Miss Butterfield (Assistant Head of Year) who will all be available to help you resolve your problem.

Are the teachers strict?

Teachers have high expectations and they want you to learn. If you work hard and use your manners, it won't be a problem.

Where can I go at break and lunch?

A short video will be coming out to show you where you can go during these times so be sure to look out for it.

Do I have to bring my own lunch?

You can choose! You can bring a packed lunch into school or you can eat at the canteen.

If you do have any more questions, you can email them through using the following address:

Year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you soon!