

Frequently asked questions moving from Year 6 to Year 7.

Q: Will I be with my friends?

A: You will **find out your tutor group in September**, but we always put you in a tutor group with someone your Year 6 teacher says you want to be with. You are likely to be with people you know from your school in lessons, but these may not be your best friends.

Q: When does term start?

A: The first day of term is Monday 6th September and tutor time starts at 8.55am. All of the school term dates are on the school website: [Term Dates & School Day | Brannel School](#)

Q: What happens if I forget my PE kit?

A: You can borrow kit from the sports hub. At break or lunch, you can go to reception and call home to see if someone can bring it in for you. You can get a locker from reception, for £5 per year, to keep coats and PE kits in.

Q: Is Brannel school strict on uniform?

A: Yes, we expect all students to be in correct full school uniform. If you do forget anything your tutor can give you a uniform card for the day. In your first week, you will not need to wear a tie. You will **pay for a school tie via ParentPay in the first week** then be given the correct house tie in your first assembly.

Q: The school is big, what happens if I get lost?

A: In September, there will be **staff to meet and greet you** and show you where to go and you will be given a tour by your tutor. On our website there are 360-degree photos of each wing to help you find your way around; each wing has a colour and a subject. The school is easy to get back to reception and all rooms have their room number on. If you are unsure of where you are, ask someone to help you.

Q: How do I know about homework?

A: All homework is set through Satchel and Teams. Students will be shown how to use these programmes in IT lessons. They can be downloaded as an app for quick checking. Parents can also download the parent version of Satchel to keep an eye on what their child is being set. If you ever forget homework you need to see that teacher as soon as possible and they will discuss with you.

Q: What if I'm/my child is upset at school?

A: They can talk to their tutor or teacher. Pastoral staff are available in the Discover wing and are happy to support all children. We ask for children to see pastoral at break and lunchtimes where possible however, the pastoral team are happy to see a child during lesson time if a child is distressed.

Q: What equipment will I need?

A: You need blue, black, purple and red writing pens, a pencil, rubber and ruler, as well as a calculator for Maths. Calculators can be purchased from the Maths department and stationery is available to buy in the library.

Q: When will I find out about my transport to school?

A: Parents will receive a letter from County Transport that tells them where you will catch the bus from each day and what time. Pupils will also be sent a bus pass with this information on it. These should be carried at all times.

Q: How do I pay for my food at school?

A: Hot food is available at break and lunchtimes. In the first week, there will be an early lunch for Year 7. By the end of the first week you will be given a proximity card which is used to pay for food. Any purchases made before you receive your card will be deducted from your account. Money can be loaded on this via ParentPay or at school.