

Moving On



Tips for year 6 pupils
moving to KNBS



Why do I have to move up?

You may currently enjoy being the 'top of the school' and feel that you have earned the right to feel comfortable and relaxed after so many years at primary school. You might not want to move to a new, bigger school. Most children in year 6 feel exactly that same.

Moving from primary to secondary school is what is called a 'rite of passage'. This means that all children of this age will have the same experience. It is an important part of growing up and becoming more independent, and while it has its challenges, and you may feel nervous, this is an exciting milestone in your life, and you should try to enjoy it.



Why can't I visit my new school?

We would have loved to invite you all into school but the current lockdown because of the Coronavirus means that this is, sadly, not possible.

However, we hope that the Transition Zone will partly make up for this. You can access lots of the useful information that we would have given you face to face on here instead.

The information here will help to bridge the gap from primary to secondary school, and make you feel more confident about starting at KNBS.



How will I find my way around?

You can familiarise yourself with the map of the school that is on the Transition Zone. KNBS is not a huge school but it can still feel strange when you are new. Knowing where the main parts of the school are before you start will be very useful.

See if you can find the following:

- The main office (reception)
- The hall
- The dining hall
- The gym
- The toilet (very important!)



How will I know I have everything I need?

You should make a checklist of everything that you need to start at KNBS. Over the new few weeks, you and your parents/carers will start to tick things off the KNBS uniform and equipment list as you get them, and this will be a clear sign that you are starting to get ready for secondary school. Hopefully, you will get a bit excited about this too!



Will I be able to get ready for school on time?

Once you have all of the things on your checklist, you can practise getting ready for school. You may have to remember lots more things each day, so practising this will be a massive help. Imagine that you are getting your bag ready the night before (always a good idea because there is never enough time in the morning!)...what will you need to remember every day? What about when you have PE?



How will I get to school safely?

In your Transition Booklet, there is a section about planning your journey to school. This is REALLY important.

You may have been used to a parent/carer dropping you off at primary school or walking you to school. Starting at secondary school is a chance for you to become more independent – you may walk or come to school on the bus by yourself, or you might be riding your bike.

If you are travelling on public transport, there may be safety precautions that you have to take, such as wearing a mask (and you will need your hand sanitiser too). Make sure you are prepared.

If you will walk or ride a bike, ensure that you know where the busy roads are and how you can cross safely. Practise doing this route as often as you can.



What is expected of me as a 'KNBS boy'?

Knowing what is expected of you is always helpful. At KNBS, we have very clear expectations of how a 'KNBS boy' will behave. You may have heard about our behaviour system before, but if you have not, visit the KNBS website and check out the 'Student' section. The first item is 'Self Discipline for Learning (SDfL)'. Have a careful read of this because it will tell you loads about our expectations, and it will help you to get prepared for starting at KNBS.



How will I make friends when I start at KNBS?

Most boys starting at KNBS will know at least one other person going to the school. This may be other year 6 children from their primary school, children from, for example, their football team, or siblings and other family members who attend the school already. If *you* do, this can help you to feel less nervous about starting.

Every year, however, we have boys who do not know anybody before they start. Every year, these boys have made at least one new friend before the end of the first day. This would normally be on Induction Day, but with it not taking place this year, this will happen on the first day you attend KNBS. So, please try not to worry about this. You will most likely know someone new within the first half an hour!



What if I do not feel ready to leave primary school?

It is understandable to feel that you want to stay somewhere that you already feel safe – you know the staff and pupils well, and all your friends are there. You know the routines, where to go for anything you need and who to go to as well. Please remember:

- We know that this is a huge change for you - we are prepared to help you to learn the ropes.
- We know that you may be nervous – we are prepared to help you to make friends and settle in.
- We know there will be hiccups along the way – we have seen and heard every hiccup before, and we know how to help you.



What happens now?

Hopefully, you are now feeling a little more prepared for starting at KNBS. You should start to get excited about the range of experiences and opportunities that KNBS has to offer. You should start to feel proud that you are joining a school that has a rich history and such wonderful staff and pupils. We are delighted that you will be joining us.

Relax, make the most of your last few weeks at primary school, whether you are in school or not, then enjoy your summer holidays and get yourself ready for 'moving on' to KNBS. You lucky boy!

