

Starting a New School

- A CHECKLIST

Starting a new school or changing to a different school can be a daunting prospect for children. There are numerous reasons as to why a child may change schools from moving house to being unhappy with their current school. Whatever the reason, to ensure the change is a positive one, we have put together this helpful checklist with all the things you may want to think about doing when starting a new school.

Ask the school for the name of any Parent Rep's in the year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Find out the name of your child's teachers and other staff prior to starting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
See if the new school can offer a taster day/night so your child can meet their teachers and peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If your child is boarding, request the name of the Housemaster/mistress/tutor prior starting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you cannot attend the school directly in person, see if the School can provide a virtual tour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Find out what IT is required by the school and if they can provide it or have it delivered to them prior to starting to upload any school specific software	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Look at the school's website for any extra-curricular activities you might like to find out about or try	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Work out how your child will travel to school each day. Do a trial run of the route they will take or find out if the school offers transport options such as minibuses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check the arrangements for the first day – both drop off and pick up	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Be aware of the mobile phone policy so you are not caught	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Review the uniform policy and make sure your child has enough of the correct uniform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ask the school of the name of any sports/activity clubs that pupils from the school tend to go to outside school time. This is a great way for children to socialise and integrate with other peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Try not to get embroiled in large social media platforms before you start at the school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
As your child starts at their new school, regularly talk to their teachers about their progress and how they are settling in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Encourage conversation between your child and yourself to address any worries/concerns they may have	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>