

Year 6 questions following the transition video

Thank you all for sending in the questions last week. I have provided some answers in the table below.

Questions	Answers
I will be walking to school and will come in the back entrance. Is this going to be ok on the first day?	Yes, you can walk to school through the back gate or front gate normally. Both entrances will be open before and after school. However, for the Induction Day (Wednesday 2 nd September), ONLY the front gate will be open because we want to show all the students where to go.
Also, I do not really know what a detention is, but I've heard you get them at secondary school. Is this how bad behaviour is punished? (I'm not intending to be bad by the way!).	I am sure you will never get a detention at Tomlinscote over the 5 years! We have a range of positive ways to praise students like postcards home, House points or hot chocolate with me. However, if you do not follow our rules and misbehave then there may be a consequence. A detention is one of these consequences and can be given for poor behaviour or failing to bring the right resources to school. I am pleased you are not intending to be bad!
How will you support my daughter with transition if she is coming from a school with few, if any, other students? Additional support was mentioned when we attended the open day including a representative from Tomlinscote going to Pirbright to help with integration. Will this still happen? My daughter knows a few children from other schools. Is there an opportunity to register these friendship groups?	We are supporting several students who are coming from a primary school on their own. These students are spending a brief period of time in Tomlinscote the week beginning 6 th July 2020. It is tricky getting any other students onto our site due to the Covid-19 regulations at the moment. We have been in contact with Year 6 teachers in each of our local primary schools and have plenty of background information on each student. We cannot take into account friendship groups with students from other schools.
My daughter has asked, how will she get help at Tomlinscote in lessons if she needs it?	Some students do receive support in lessons by Learning Support Assistants and Higher-Level Teaching Assistants. Furthermore, we employ 4 SEND teachers who are specialist staff and work with the students as well. This support may be within a specific subject classroom or through group work in the Learning Support Department.
Do you think that Y7 students will have the opportunity to go on the foreign language trips to Germany/France in 2021?	Yes, we will be hoping to take Year 7 away next year.
Will students wear full uniform when starting at Tomlinscote? Currently wearing uniform or PE kit with requirement to wash everything each evening. Will not be able to wash girls' kilts every time they are worn. What will Tomlinscote's policy be for students returning or starting in September?	Yes, students will be wearing full uniform in September. I must assume, at this point, that we will return to school as much as normal. If I receive government guidance that contradicts this over the summer period, then all parents will be informed.
Will we be given a list of what they require in their pencil cases, in particular, what type/brand of handwriting pen?	A good question and I will outline what are required below: Black pen, pencils, rubber, ruler, protractor, green pen, purple pen, glue stick, pencil sharpener, calculator and compass. We do not emphasise a certain type of handwriting pen. This is down to the individual, although it must be able to produce neat work.

<p>If there needs to be a second lockdown, will the iPads be available for home learning, even if this happens before October?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, not! This first half term is used to settle in the students but also provides a few weeks to get the iPad scheme up and running properly. Furthermore, we often find that Apple launches new iPads at this time.</p>
<p>In September which uniform combination is to be worn, (polo-shirt or shirt, socks or tights)?</p>	<p>In September, a shirt is worn not a polo shirt. A student can wear the yellow socks or black tights.</p>
<p>From what time in the morning are children permitted into school, at what time do they have to leave by?</p>	<p>Students are allowed on site from 8am. They can sit in the Bee Hive and get breakfast if they wish. The LRC will also be open as a space to do their work. Both spaces are open to 4.15pm.</p>
<p>In the winter are girls permitted to wear short boots instead of shoes?</p>	<p>No. All students must wear black shoes, not boots to school.</p>