



Laurence Jackson School Year 6 Transition Week 10th – 14th July 2023



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Dear Parent/Carer

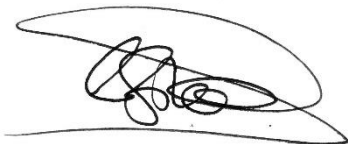
We are very excited to welcome you and your child to Laurence Jackson School and hope they are looking forward to joining us in September. We have created this pack to provide you with practical information so that you can prepare for your child starting secondary school and to give you an overview of the transition process this year.

We are delighted to be able to offer a transition week at the end of the summer term. Transition week will be **Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July 2023**. During this week all Year 6 pupils with a place at Laurence Jackson School will attend full time with us. The week will give your child the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school building, routines and expectations so that they know what to expect in September and to begin to make friends with children that are joining us from our other feeder primary schools.

Myself and Headteacher, Mrs Jukes, will host a Year 6 Parents Evening on **Wednesday 5th July** to welcome Y6 parents/carers to Laurence Jackson School and explain key school information. To accommodate large numbers this event will have two sittings so parents/carers can attend whichever one is convenient for them. The event will take place in the main school hall and parents/carers can choose to attend **either session 1: 4.00 – 4.45pm or session 2: 5.00 – 5.45pm**. We look forward to meeting you on this evening.

We hope that you will find this pack informative; please do visit our website for further detailed information about our school www.laurencejackson.org or if you have any specific queries about transition, please do not hesitate to email transition@laurencejackson.org.

Kind regards

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Miss C Giles (Enhanced Transition Lead)

Transition Week Details

Transition week will allow students to experience a typical school day including a range of subject lessons. When students arrive on the first day of the transition week, they will be given a timetable for the week. Each form group will be assigned LJS student leaders who will support them by escorting students to lessons and being a friendly face for any questions during the transition week.

Access to school

If your child is walking to school or using public transport, they should use the footpaths leading up to school at the start and the end of the day. There are duty staff available and visible around the school site. If you are dropping off or picking up your child by car, please try to arrange to meet them off-site as there are limited pick up/drop off spaces.

Updated school transport information will shortly be available on our website; specific details will be issued to transport users only.

What to bring and what to wear

Each day your child should come to school with a school bag and a pencil case (pen, pencil, ruler), a bottle of water, and a packed lunch if they are not having a school meal (please see below). They should be dressed in their primary school uniform. On one of the days, children will be doing PE and, on this day, they should wear their primary school PE kit. Students will be informed on which day they have PE, please note no group will have PE on the first day.

Lunch Provision

During transition week all Y6 students will be provided with school lunches **free of charge** and students will be able to familiarise themselves with the arrangements and experience a typical lunchtime at our school. Further information about lunch arrangements, including example menus, can be found via our [website](#). The menu during transition week is below and students can choose between the following meal deals:

- Main course and dessert
- Main course and carton drink or bottle of water
- Pasta King and dessert
- Pasta King and carton drink or bottle of water
- Grab bag (sandwich, dessert and carton drink or bottle of water)
- Wrap and dessert
- Wrap and carton drink or bottle of water

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| HOME ZONE | HOME ZONE | HOME ZONE | HOME ZONE | HOME ZONE |
| Mince & Vegetable Suet Pie or Vegetable Nachos **** Mashed Potato Carrots & Broccoli **** Traybake Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt | Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding or Quorn Meatball Pasta (V) **** Roast Potatoes Medley Vegetables **** Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt | Fishfingers or Vegetarian Chefs Special (V) **** Chips Mushy Peas **** Fruity Oat Muffin Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt | Chicken Curry served with nan bread or Vegetable Casserole & Dumplings (V) **** Midi Potatoes/ Rice Peas/ Sweetcorn **** Chocolate Cherry Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt | Pizza Or Vegetable Cottage Pie **** Roast Potatoes Medley Vegetables **** Traybake Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt |
| FAST ZONE | FAST ZONE | FAST ZONE | FAST ZONE | FAST ZONE |
| Filled Bagels Plain Jackets (V) Filled Jackets Assorted Salads | Plain Jackets (V) Flatbreads Filled Jackets Assorted Salads | Plain Jackets (V) Filled Jackets Assorted Salads | Panini Plain Jackets (V) Filled Jackets Assorted Salads | Plain Jackets (V) Filled Jackets Assorted Salads |
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| In addition to the above, fresh fruit, yoghurt, bread & butter, cold meats, cheese, salads and an assortment of cold desserts will be available on a daily basis. | | | | |
| Cold fillings for jacket potatoes will consist of tuna mayonnaise, pink salmon, cheese, pasta salad, coleslaw, egg mayonnaise, etc (HC = Healthy Choice) | | | | |

Forms groups, teaching groups and settling in

The transition to secondary school for all students is supported by an extensive pastoral support team and whilst student and parent anxieties about transition are often expressed as concern about form class placements, experience shows us that despite these normal anxieties, the vast majority of students settle well into school and make new friends quickly.

Form time is at the start of the school day where various form time activities, equipment and uniform checks take place and students can get ready for the day ahead. Form Tutors will be the first member of staff that students see on a daily basis and will help and support them every step of the way. Joining a new form is the beginning of the process that mixes students from these different feeder schools as they become a year group at our school. Every year students join us who do not know anyone else but they very quickly settle in and make new friends. Students will meet their Form Tutor on the first day of transition and will have transition week to settle in and get to know new people. During transition week students will be taught in their form groups but from September they will be placed in different teaching groups. This means that the children that students are in form groups with are not necessarily the same children who will be in their teaching groups.

Baseline Assessments - CATS Testing

During transition week, students will complete 3 CATS tests (Cognitive Abilities Test) and a reading test. The CAT is an assessment of a range of reasoning skills. The tests look at different types of reasoning: words, numbers and shapes or figures. The verbal reasoning element assesses reasoning processes using words. These tests are completed in ICT rooms and is not something students need to worry about or prepare for in advance. The information we receive from these tests, alongside the reading test and their Year 6 SATS results will help us to get to further know the academic abilities of students so that we can meet their educational needs when they join us in September.

Transition Week Programme

Monday 10th July

- Students should arrive to the sports hall by 8.30am. Duty staff will be visible to direct students.
- Students will be introduced to key staff and their Form Tutor
- During their first morning students will:
 - Spend time with their form tutor and meet their tutor group.
 - Receive their timetable for transition week
 - Tour the school
 - Have a biometric profile set up so that in September parents/carers can pay for lunches via our biometric/online system
- Students have lunch at 12.05pm.
- In the afternoon students take part in lessons.
- The end of the day is 2.30pm – students leave school site via the Student Exit (left of main entrance)

Tuesday 11th July

- Students should arrive by 8.30am via the Student Entrance (left of main entrance) and go to the Year 7 yard. This will be explained to them on Day 1.
- During the morning, students will watch selected scenes of our school production of *Grease*. If you have any queries, reservations or would not like your child to watch this production please email transition@laurencejackson.org If we do not hear from you, we will presume you give consent for your child to watch the show. If you would like to purchase tickets for any of the show nights in July, please [click here](#).
- Students have lunch at 12.05pm.
- In the afternoon students will take part in lessons.
- The end of the day is at 2.30pm – students will leave school site via the Student Exit.

Wednesday 12th July & Thursday 13th July

- Students should arrive by 8.30am via the Student Entrance and go to the Year 7 yard.
- During the morning students will take part in lessons.
- Students have lunch at 12.05pm.
- During the afternoon students will take part in lessons.
- The end of the day is at 2.30pm – students will leave school site via the Student Exit.

Friday 14th July

- Students should arrive by 8.30am via the Student Entrance and go to the Year 7 yard.
- During the morning students will take part in lessons.
- Students have lunch at 12.05pm.
- During the afternoon students will take part in lessons
- The end of the day is at 2.30pm – students will leave via the Student Exit.

On Friday 14th July, parents/carers of SEND students can attend a drop-in coffee morning in the youth centre between 10am and 2pm led by key staff and the SEND team.