



AVANTI PARK SCHOOL

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Overview

Transition at Avanti Park School will take different forms for different year groups, but it is recognised and honoured by the school that transitions into and out of the school and, to a lesser extent, between classes, are significant events for children and families and need careful and sensitive handling to enable a smooth start and rapid settling in. A child's whole school experience can be coloured by their first or subsequent transitions and as such, we aim to provide a clear and supported transition process for all.

Starting Nursery/Reception

- In the summer term, key information regarding the school day, procedures and policies will be sent out.
- Shortly after May half term, children will be allocated to their classes and parents will be informed whom their child's teacher will be.
- Contact details will be provided for those families whose children have additional needs and need to liaise with the SENDCo. It may be that additional transitional procedures will be put in place for these children, based on communication between the SENDCo, parents, the previous setting and any external agencies.
- Towards the end of the summer term, children and parents will be invited into school for Stay and Play sessions (usually two). Wherever possible, these will be held in the Nursery/Reception classrooms and with the teacher who will be in place in September.
- In the first week of the autumn term, school staff will carry out home visits wherever possible, to see the children in their home setting, where they are most comfortable. In order to allow this to happen, Nursery/Reception children will start school in the second week of term.
- For the first weeks of the autumn term (dates to be confirmed) Reception children will attend until lunchtime only, to enable a gradual transition. Parents will be invited to stay for an initial settling in period (usually 30 minutes) for the first two weeks.
- Thereafter, unless alternative arrangements are discussed, we aim for the children to separate from parents outside the classroom.

Transitioning into Y1 – Y6

- Parents will be informed of their child's new class and teacher for the next academic year by 30th June at the latest.
- In early July there will be a scheduled transition day, where the children have an opportunity to spend a day or half a day in their new classrooms with their new teacher. This will usually involve some sort of 'Getting to Know You' activity, that supports the children to share with their new teacher anything they want them to know.
- Around this time, parents will also be given an opportunity to come and meet their child's teacher for the next academic year.
- Teachers will ensure that key information is shared with colleagues, either verbally or in writing.
- Where a child is known to have SEND or other additional needs, there will be liaison between the SENDCo and the new teacher and additional arrangements to support transition may be put in place.
- For children transitioning from Reception to Y1, which entails moving to a new building and play space, additional transition sessions will be put in place, to enable them to become familiar with the new building.

Transitioning into Y7 (Secondary)

30th June 4PM - Year 6 Transition Meeting for parents and students

- This will be an opportunity for Year 6 students and parents to meet the secondary team and find out more about the systems and routines we have in Years 7 & 8.
- We will be discussing the curriculum, the subjects we offer and other opportunities as well as the expectations around behaviour and homework.
- It will also be an opportunity for students and staff to ask any questions they may have.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Day - 7th July*

- ***note this is a change of date from previously advertised**
- Traditionally all the Frome middle schools coordinate their transition days for year 8 into year 9 at Frome College on the same day. This year Frome Transition Day is on the 7th July.
- This gives us an opportunity to hold our own internal transition day for year 6 into year 7. Our current year 8 will be out for the day visiting Frome College so we are inviting our year 6's to join secondary for the day to get a feel for what it will be like next year.
- The day will run along a similar timetable to that which year 7 will experience next year with subject lessons run by the KS3 team. The day would look something like this:

Time	Location	Activity
08:45-09:00	U2	Registration
09:00-10:00	Art Room	PSHE
10:00-11:00	U3	English
11:00-11:15	Craft Street / Hardcourt	Breaktime
11:15-12:15	U2	Maths
12:15-13:15	Craft Street / Hardcourt /Lunch Hall	Lunch
13:15-14:15	Lab	Science
14:15-15:15	U1	Spanish

- Any questions, please get in touch with Mr Bayew via the office by emailing avantipark@avanti.org.uk FAO Mr Bayew (Transition).

Yr 8 - Transitioning to Frome College

- Traditionally all the Frome middle schools coordinate their transition days for year 8 into year 9 at Frome College on the same day. This year Frome Transition Day is on the 7th July. This means that all Year 8 pupils who are going to Frome College will attend Frome College for the day for a Transition Day. Mrs Bell, their tutor will meet them there and spend the day with them.
- This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to get to know the school a bit better so it feels a bit more familiar for when they arrive in September full time. They will also be able to meet some of their teachers and learn about the systems and routines they have in place at the College.
- If your son or daughter is not going to Frome College please get in touch with Mr Bayew to discuss plans for the day. Mr Bayew can be contact by emailing avanti@avanti.org.uk FAO Mr Bayew (Transition).

Summary of Transition Activities for 2021 (Primary)

New to EYFS (new starters for 2021-22)

- Stay and Play sessions: Friday 02nd and 09th July (13.30 – 15.00) – details communicated by EYFS team with families.
- Home visits: Week commencing Monday 06th September – EYFS team to arrange and contact families to arrange time for visits.
- EYFS children start school: Monday 13th September, attending until lunchtime for the first two weeks, attending full time (Reception) from Monday 27th September.
- See Nursery and Reception Welcome booklets for more information – details communicated by EYFS Lead Miss Robinson. For more information please contact avanti@avanti.org.uk FAO Miss Robinson.

EYFS – Year 1 (current Reception)

- For children: joint YR/Y1 sessions Friday afternoons through the second half of the summer term, commencing Friday 11th June.
- For parents: drop-in session Wednesday 07th July 4:00-4:30pm as for Y1 – Y5 (see below).

Current Year 1 – Year 5

- On Wednesday 7th July, all children, in years 1 – 5, will spend the afternoon with their new teacher and, where possible, in their new classroom.
- Children will complete a 'Getting to Know You' activity which will be displayed to welcome them into their new classroom in September.

Current Reception – Year 5

Meet the Teacher Meetings for parents/carers

- This will take place on Wednesday 7th July from 4:00pm – 4:30pm.
- Parents and carers will be able to drop in to meet their child's new teacher.

This is an informal session which will allow parents and teachers to put names to faces, to find out a bit more about the member of staff and to learn about the new year group.

End of Year: A celebration of learning

- On Monday 12.07.21 (4:00-5:30pm) all parents and carers for children in current EYFS – Year 6 classes are invited to visit their children's classes. Children's learning across different subjects will be available to view. This will provide an opportunity to celebrate the progress made over the course of the academic year. Teachers will be present in the classroom to answer any questions you may have regarding the learning or your child's end of year Record of Achievement.