



Frequently Asked Questions – Transition to Secondary School

How do I apply for a Year 7 place?

If you have a child in Year 6 you should have received a letter from Leeds City Council with details of your closest secondary schools and the procedure for applying. If you haven't received this, please contact Leeds City Council Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 or startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk

When do I have to apply?

You will need to apply for a place at secondary school, even if you already have a child at the school. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2020.

When will I find out which secondary school my child has been allocated?

You will find out on 1 March 2021.

Do you have a policy for twins?

Allerton Grange doesn't have a set policy for twins. We will work with families and listen to the primary school to guide whether twins stay together in the same form or are placed in two different form groups.

How do you support the transition from Primary to Secondary School

We pride ourselves on being a warm, friendly and nurturing school, something that Ofsted commented positively on during their 2019 inspection. At Allerton Grange children really and truly matter.

Ms Hosty leads the Transition Team and is also the Key Stage 3 Pastoral Leader (Years 7, 8 & 9). From 1 March, when the list of new Year 7 students is confirmed, Ms Hosty visits each student at their feeder primary school and also talks to the Year 6 teachers. All the members of the Pastoral Team are non-teaching and are dedicated to supporting students' welfare.

We have 3 transition days at Allerton Grange, which gives students the chance to become familiar with the building, meet key staff (like their form tutor and year team) and get used to the systems that we have in place. There is usually quite a bit of excitement about a cafeteria style lunch! It gives our new students a chance to find their feet and make new friends before the summer holidays.

For students with SEND, we do additional taster mornings and link very closely with parents and primary schools. This ensures a strong network around the child to ease the transition process.

In Year 7, the Pastoral Year Team start by getting to know their students, identifying any barriers to learning and putting things in place to support all students as individuals, to achieve their potential.