

A Magnificent Year 7



At Stoke Park School

At Stoke Park School we recognise that the needs of our younger students are very different to our older students and the first year at secondary school is a critical year in any young person's educational journey. We were therefore delighted to open The Bridge in September 2019 to strengthen our commitment to exceptional Year 7 progress and experience.

An Outstanding Transition Experience From Primary To Secondary School

The Bridge at Stoke Park school is located in a specially designed area just for year 7 students. It provides our new Year 7 students with their own 'mini school', a welcoming place where they will settle quickly and where the Bridge's specialist staff can focus entirely on them, delivering outstanding care and supporting accelerated academic progress.



Welcome to Stoke Park School



Dear Parent/carer,

Welcome to Stoke Park School and the brighter future we offer your son or daughter. I know how important it is for parents when choosing a secondary school for your child, it is one of the most important and daunting decisions you will make.

I hope that the contents of this transition pack will give you a real sense of the values we have here at Stoke Park; how we place our students first, focus relentlessly on teaching and learning and work hard to remove barriers to each and every student's success.

Students who attend Stoke Park School are clear about what is expected of them and take pride in their appearance and conduct. We have a strict uniform and behaviour policy and we hold our students to high standards. They are inspired to be successful, encouraged to achieve great things and, above all, to believe in themselves. Their success is celebrated at every opportunity as they take each step on their journey to becoming responsible citizens and future leaders in society.

This is an exciting time in Stoke Park School's distinguished history as one of Coventry's leading providers of high-quality secondary education. Having recently been judged 'good' by Ofsted the school is now going from strength to strength in providing an outstanding experience for students. Stoke Park School joined The Futures Trust, a family of local primary and secondary schools, in 2017. Since then, the school has undergone significant changes to ensure that teaching and learning at Stoke Park School is outstanding and that each and every student, no matter what their background or starting point, achieves their true potential.

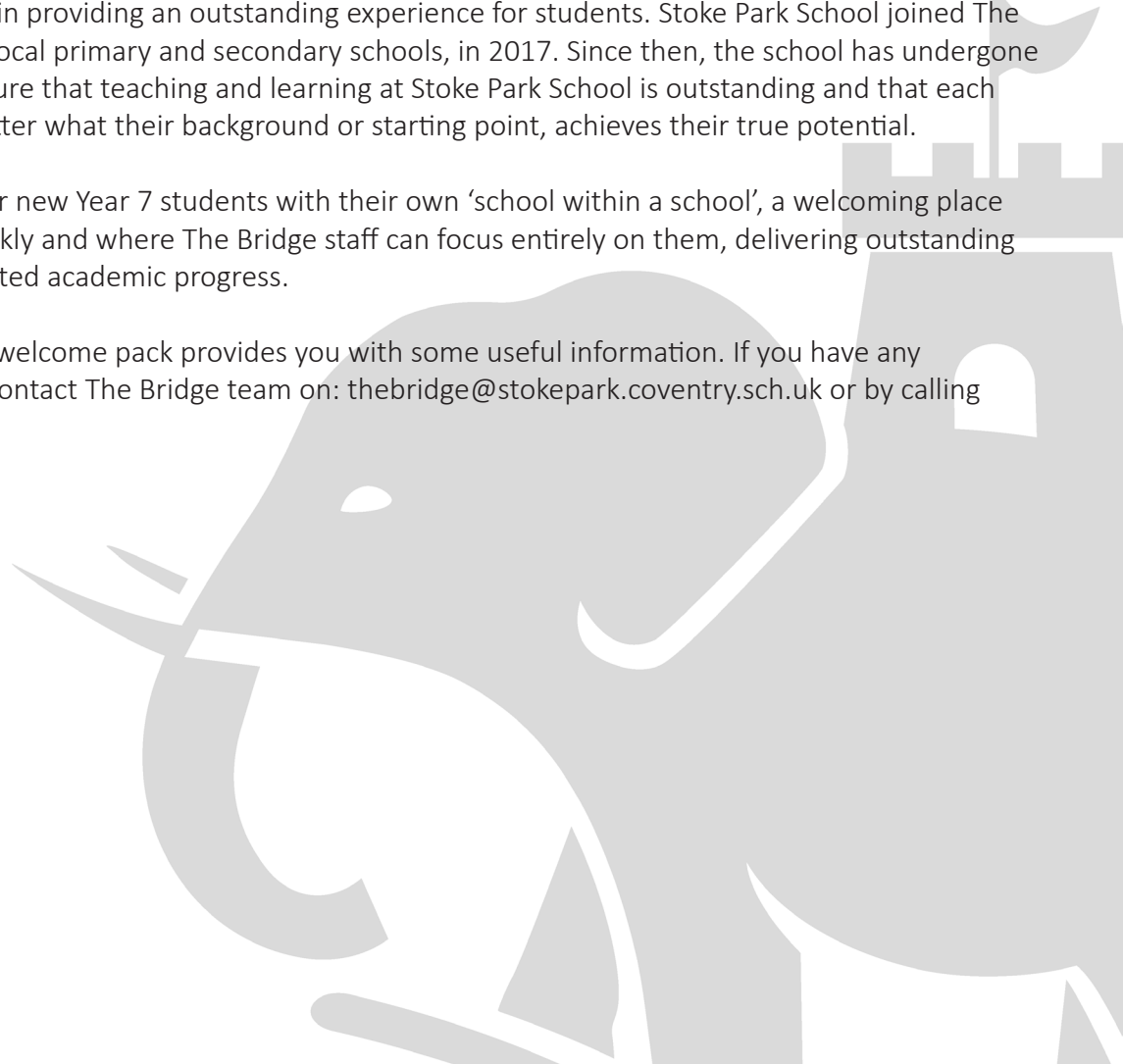
The Bridge will provide our new Year 7 students with their own 'school within a school', a welcoming place where they will settle quickly and where The Bridge staff can focus entirely on them, delivering outstanding pastoral care and accelerated academic progress.

I hope the content of our welcome pack provides you with some useful information. If you have any further questions please contact The Bridge team on: thebridge@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk or by calling 02476450215.

Yours faithfully

Miss Rock

Headteacher



Welcome to The Bridge

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to The Bridge Transition Pack. We are delighted that your child will be joining The Bridge in September 2023.



We have put together a very helpful transition pack that should allow you to familiarise yourself with The Bridge team, who will be working very closely with your child. Please see 'The Bridge Team' document in this pack which will introduce you to our fantastic and specialised team that will be supporting your child in The Bridge.

This transition pack will inform you of the range of outstanding learning and enrichment opportunities we have here at Stoke Park School. Whilst further highlighting the outstanding ethos and expectations in The Bridge. You will also find enclosed our school uniform policy and our 'Stoke Park 5' equipment expectation – hopefully, all of which will allow you to prepare for your son/daughter's invaluable journey with us in The Bridge.

In The Bridge, your child will take their first step on our seven-year-journey as The Orator. Orators wield the power of speech. With articulation, comes the ability to choose, shape, and manipulate language in order to build compelling arguments. Orators have the characteristics to listen carefully, respond thoughtfully, and use others' ideas to further develop and even strengthen, their own views.

Being an orator is also important for personal growth and development. By improving speaking skills, it can enhance self-confidence and self-esteem. With all of this in mind, we want all of our students in The Bridge to become confident, articulate orators which will lead onto their next step in the journey of becoming philosophers.

You will also find enclosed documents outlining your child's tutor with a little information about them which will hopefully, help your child to feel more familiar with their tutor prior to meeting them. Also, you will find details about activating your ParentPay account which will be used for any payments required from the school—more information about this can be found in this pack. It is really important that you activate the account prior to starting with us. We have a very exciting transition evening planned where you will get to meet your child's tutor, information about this will be on their personalised tutor letter.

We hope you will find this pack informative and insightful to what The Bridge at Stoke Park School offers. We recognise that the transition from primary to secondary is such an important time in your child's education so, please do not hesitate to contact us with any further queries by emailing: thebridge@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk or by calling 02476450215.

We look forward to meeting you during our transition evening and then welcoming you to The Bridge in September.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Meyrick
Director of The Bridge



Meet The Bridge Team

Miss Meyrick



**Director of
The Bridge**

Miss Meyrick oversees the ethos of The Bridge, ensuring that every student achieves their potential and demonstrates outstanding character in everything they attempt. Miss Meyrick ensures that students are successful in their first step as The Orator on their seven-year journey with us. Transition is an important part of her role, and she works tirelessly to ensure that students have a smooth transition to The Bridge. Miss Meyrick aims to ensure that an outstanding curriculum and invaluable enrichment experiences set students up for success.

Miss Veasey



**Intervention
Co-ordinator**

Miss Veasey is an experienced English teacher with a particular focus on Literacy and will be responsible for leading the delivery of intervention programmes for Literacy. She also collaborates with local primary schools to ensure that we get to know our future Bridge students. Miss Veasey's love for reading will shine throughout Year 7 with all of the amazing opportunities she creates for all students.

Miss Hansford



Pastoral Manager

Miss Hansford's main responsibility is to ensure that every student is fully prepared for their learning and she works closely with families to ensure that students' welfare is of paramount importance. Miss Hansford also ensures that students' attendance is the best it can be.

The Bridge Tutors



Miss Cleaver

Hello, I am Miss Cleaver and I am a PE teacher at Stoke Park. I am passionate about all sports and love playing Rugby. I run lots of enrichment clubs and trips afterschool. As a school we have been to Twickenham, Wembley and Wimbledon.



Mrs Toor

Hi, I am Mrs Toor, I am very excited to be your year 7 tutor. I have been a mathematics teacher at Stoke Park School for 10 years! I enjoy snowboarding, and hiking. I am from Lithuania and speak a few languages. One of the most beautiful things happened in my life was becoming a mother of three girls.



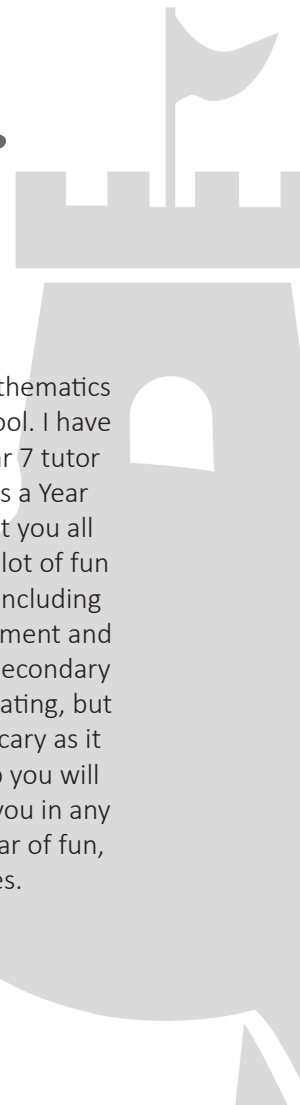
Mr Charles

Hi, I am Mr Charles.
I am very excited about meeting you all on Transition Day. I teach Computer Science, I am interested in all things tech related! I'm delighted to be your form tutor from September.



Miss Miller

I am Miss Miller and I am a Mathematics teacher here at Stoke Park School. I have been lucky enough to be a Year 7 tutor for 4 years, and this year I was a Year 10 tutor. I cannot wait to meet you all when you start. We will have a lot of fun opportunities across the year including competitions in sports, achievement and attendance. I know coming to secondary school can be a little bit intimidating, but I want you to know it isn't as scary as it seems. Within our tutor group you will be safe, and I am here to help you in any way I can. It is going to be a year of fun, learning, and adventures.



The Bridge Tutors



Miss Hurst

Hi, I am Miss Hurst. I am a mathematics teacher at Stoke Park School. I am very excited to meet you for the transition day and for you to be part of my tutor group in Year 7.



Miss Chapman

I am Miss Chapman, like you I am new to Stoke Park School. I teach French and Latin, and could be your tutor and teacher for these subjects we will see in September. I can't wait to meet you and to learn about your interests and hobbies.



Miss Dalton

Hi! My name is Miss Dalton and I teach science. I like to play video games and watch films. I am very excited to meet all of you and be your tutor this year.



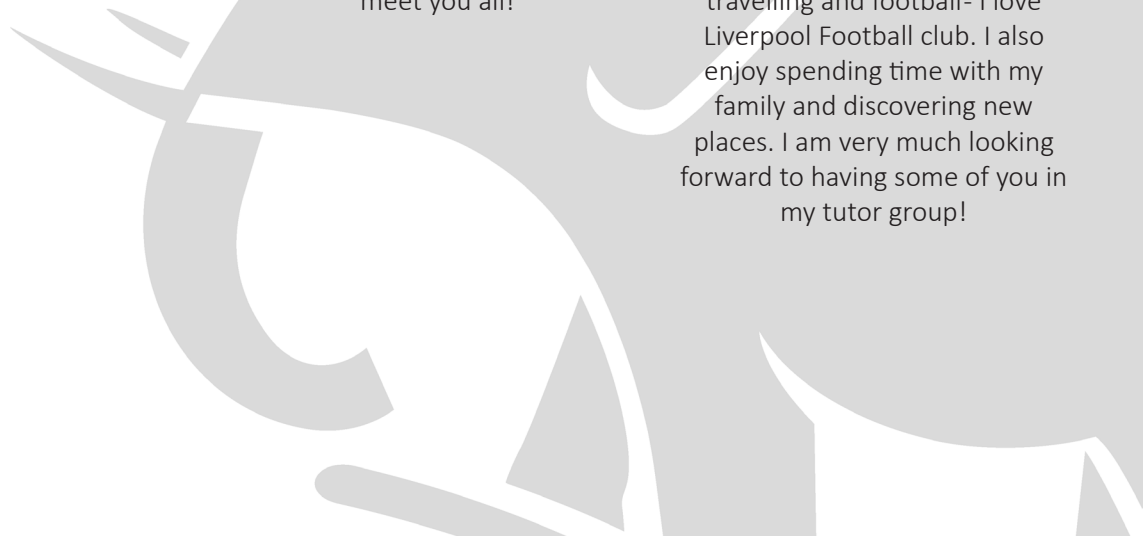
Miss Penzer

Hi! Welcome to Stoke Park School. I teach English, I also look after Classics for Key stage 3. My first love and hobby is literature- primarily the writing of it! When not tucked away in a book, I can be found playing video games and creating my next fashionable outfit. I can't wait to meet you all!



Miss Veasey

My name is Miss Veasey and I look after interventions and literacy in The Bridge. I work very closely with Mrs Potts around transition and very much enjoy coming to your primary schools to meet you. I also teach English and Classics. My interests include reading (obviously!), cooking, travelling and football- I love Liverpool Football club. I also enjoy spending time with my family and discovering new places. I am very much looking forward to having some of you in my tutor group!



Our Students Welcome You!



Hello, my name is Peter.

I went to Sacred Heart Primary School.

Whilst in The Bridge at Stoke Park, I have had the opportunity to develop my cultural knowledge as I have visited the University of Birmingham, and Keble College at Oxford University.

I also take part in two super-curricular clubs; there are lots of opportunities for us to take part in. I have loved Year 7, and have enjoyed all of my lessons.

I have made lots of friends, and my teachers are supportive and friendly.

It has been nice to be a part of the Christmas party celebrations, our afternoon tea celebrations and all of the awards we receive for showing PRIDE, being Orators and for having fabulous attendance!

I have also been part of the Coventry Inspirational Book Awards where my team achieved second place in the whole city which was amazing! This opportunity has really helped me develop my love for reading!



Hello, my name is Zahra.

I went to Stoke Primary school.

Since I have started in The Bridge, I have been part of many clubs and sports teams, such as football, netball, rugby, and basketball which I thoroughly enjoy when I represent the teams in matches.

Outside of school, I have recently won the Midlands Taekwondo Championships, which I am super proud of and have enjoyed sharing these victories with my friends in The Bridge.

I have also been doing violin lessons and can now play and perform in front of people. This has helped my confidence grow since the start of the year.

The Bridge is all about building a caring environment which allows us to develop into our own individual characters. There are so many opportunities available to us all.



Hello, my name is Timotei.

I went to Frederick Bird Primary School.

Since starting The Bridge, I have been learning to play trombone in private lessons, which I really enjoy.

I like to play sports. I am part of the Year 7 football, basketball and rugby team. I have played lots of matches which we have won. I really enjoy my maths lessons because I know a lot of maths skills and find these lessons engaging. Science is also a really fun lesson because we get to do experiments, practical sessions and learn interesting facts about the world!

I have also made lots of new friends that were not from my primary school and I love being able to be in lessons and play with them at break and lunch time.

I love that The Bridge starts on the seven-year journey of being The Orator as this has really helped build my speaking confidence.

Our Students Welcome You!



Hello, my name is Amelia.

I went to Wyken Croft Primary School.

My experience in The Bridge has been one of the best! We know the transition from primary to secondary is hard as we have gone through it too. Stoke Park School welcomed us with open arms

My favourite memory so far was when I went on a music trip with my orchestra and played in front of a live audience – which was fantastic! It opened the door to many opportunities as I made friends along the way. My favourite part of being in The Bridge was when I met my tutor group and made lots of new friends. Since then, I have made friends from other classes and even other year groups!

My favourite lesson is drama as I aspire to become an actor. Stoke Park has helped me with growing with my targets by letting me participate in the school production. Being The Orators in Year 7, is fantastic as all the skills we are taught in lessons, I can take to these opportunities to help me develop as a person particularly with confidence in performing.



Hello, my name is Adonay.

I went to Howes Primary school.

An interesting fact about me is that I am deaf. I use sign language every day and have really enjoyed being able to share my sign language with other students in the year group so that they can also communicate with me.

I really love attending drama club because I enjoy being able to act and work with other people in my group. I enjoy playing football at break and lunch times and being able to play with my friends.

My favourite lesson is music because it is exciting and I love learning how to play new instruments.

I have visited Warwick University and participated in philosophy workshops. I also, got to experience the listening bus which teaches independent life skills to students like myself who are deaf. This is also, why I love the PSHE curriculum in tutor time as it helps us learn how to be individual and develop personally as we grow.



Hello, my name is Kajona.

I went to Wyken Croft Primary School.

My experience in The Bridge is probably one of the best transitions I've ever had in my school life! I felt very nervous joining the school but I had a very warm welcome and I settled in well.

I have been presented with many opportunities such as piano lessons for free! My favourite part of the Stoke Park experience was going to Birmingham University because it was a good insight to know what a university looks like.

Another one of my fondest memories would be making new friends along the way. My favourite lesson is French because my teacher makes lessons fun which I'm able to enjoy but I am able to learn and it's my strongest subject. Au Revoir! I also, love that French links to our Latin and Classics curriculum, which is very unique to us at Stoke Park School! This helps us on our journey to become orators and learning Latin and French supports our vocabulary across all other lessons.

BEING AN OUTSTANDING BRIDGE LEARNER MEANS...

**BEING
PUNCTUAL**

**TAKING PRIDE
IN YOUR
UNIFORM**

**BEING IN THE
RIGHT PLACE
AT THE RIGHT
TIME**

**BEING
ORGANISED**

**BEING
RESPONSIBLE
FOR YOUR
HOMEWORK**

**TAKING PRIDE
IN YOUR
LEARNING**



Stoke Park School Uniform



Essential Items:

Black blazer

Plain white cotton shirt with collar

School tie

Plain black trousers. Straight cut cotton/polyester/viscose, **NOT LYCRA**

SKINTIGHT, BOOT CUT OR SKINNY

A plain black knee length skirt, cotton/polyester/viscose, **NOT ELASTANE, LYCRA material**

Plain dark coloured socks or 60 denier black tights

Plain classic formal leather shoes – **NOT BOOTS, TRAINERS OR TRAINER STYLE**

Plain black coat – **NOT HOODIE, SPORTING OR TRACK SUIT TOPS**

School bag suitable for carrying exercise books and equipment



PE Kit

Stoke Park girl's quarter zip top.

Stoke Park polo shirt

Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts – no logos

Plain long black sports socks, white or black sport ankle socks with no patterns/logos

Trainers (**not pumps**)

Gum shield

For Football and Rugby

Football boots (studs or moulded – **NOT ASTRO**)

Shin pads

Rugby Shirts



Optional

Plain black religious headwear (headscarves and turbans)

We do not allow – you will be asked to remove any of the items below if you are wearing them in school:

- **More than one item of jewellery. Earrings must be small studs**
- **Facial piercings.**
- **T-shirts visible under shirts**
- **Extreme hairstyles or brightly coloured hair**
- **Make-up, nail varnish, acrylic nails**
- **Baseball caps**

All uniform items are available from:



Cat Ballou Originals Ltd

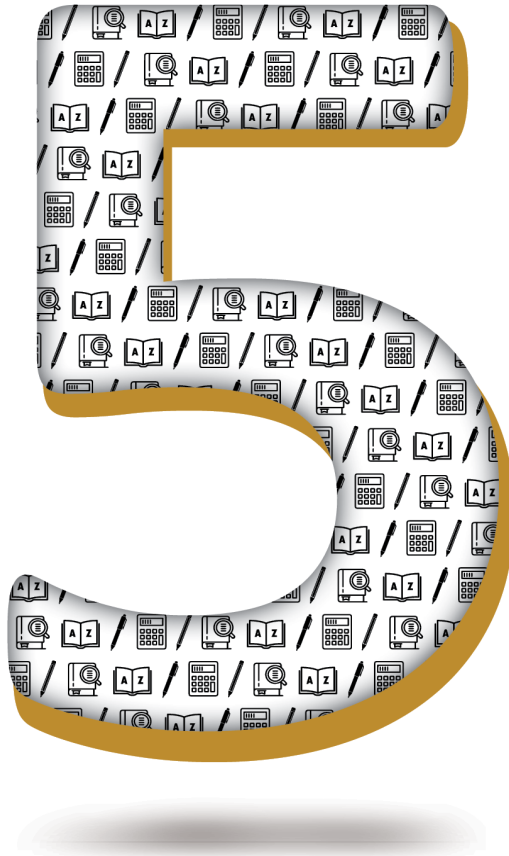
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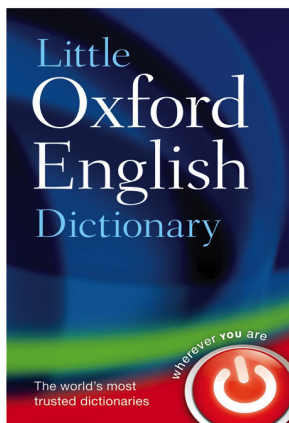
STOKE PARK
— SCHOOL —

**Give
me**



**You must have the following
5 items on you at all times...**

A
Dictionary



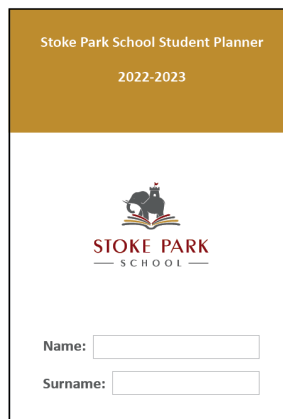
A
Pencil



A
Pen



A
Planner



A
Scientific Calculator



Frequently Asked Questions



We can't wait to welcome you to The Bridge at Stoke Park School.

We know many of you may have questions about starting your new school, so here is a list of frequently asked questions.

If we haven't answered your question here you can ask a member of staff your question by e-mailing:

Thebridge@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

What subjects will I study in The Bridge?

You will study many of the subjects you have studied at primary school and one or two new subjects which we hope you are looking forward to. You will study English, Maths, Science, PE, Classics (including Latin), Geography, History, RE, Art, Design, Music, Drama and IT. History, Geography and RE are studied in projects which means you will complete one project at a time on a topic. This will help you to make links between the subjects you have been studying and means you will have a fewer number of different teachers at a time.

What will it be like having lots of different teachers?

Some students worry about the change from primary to secondary school in terms of having different teachers for different lessons. Your timetable will help you know where to go and we can't wait to meet you and help you settle in. You will have different teachers for different subjects; however, you will see your tutor and The Bridge team every day so if you have worries or concerns, there will always be staff you can go to. Many of our current students tell us that they got used to this quite quickly and enjoy the variety that having different teachers brings to the day. You will have some teachers quite frequently for some subjects and therefore this also helps to make sure that you know the staff who are teaching and supporting you well.

How difficult will the work be at Stoke Park?

Current Bridge pupils tell us that the work does increase in difficulty from primary school; however, this is something they feel they have now got used to and even enjoy! In your first week or so, we will ask you to complete some tasks so that we can see what you are already good at and what you might need more help with. All our teachers want you to do as well as you possibly can and are hereto help you so you shouldn't worry about work being too difficult. In addition to the Bridge team, we also have our student support team who support all students across the school to ensure they can be successful.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I am the only student from my primary school coming to Stoke Park School?

We are aware that some of you are the only student coming from your primary school. We don't want you to worry about this because every year we have students come to Stoke Park without others from their primary school and they quickly settle in and make new friends. You will spend time in tutor groups on your first day to get to know some new people straight away. Think of this as an exciting opportunity to meet new people and try new things.

How will I make friends?

This is often one of the biggest worries new students have but don't worry, current Bridge students tell us they have made new friends in their tutor groups, their classes and extracurricular activities they have attended. You will have time on your first day at school to meet your tutor group and get to know them. One of the best ways to make new friends is to join one of the clubs on offer and meet people who have similar interests to you.

Who can I speak to if I'm worried about my child?

You should contact your child's tutor who will be your first point of call. Your child's tutor will advise you as best they can and should they need to seek further support, they will contact a member of The Bridge team to support you and your child. The Bridge pastoral manager will also be available to support you if you are worried about your child in any way.

What do I do if my child is ill and not able to attend school? What happens if my child becomes ill at school?

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, we ask that you phone the school reception to let us know. They will pass the message onto The Bridge pastoral manager who will record this illness. We encourage students to come into school, even if they are feeling slightly unwell as being in school might help them to feel better. If your child becomes ill at school, our pastoral manager will contact you to let you know so, please make sure we have the correct contact details for you. We expect our students to have at least 96% attendance or higher throughout each academic year. Our pastoral manager will do anything they can to support your child with being in school as much as possible.

How do you assess if my child needs extra support?

We have data from primary schools and we also conduct our own testing when you join us so that we have the most accurate data possible. We also consider this holistically through lessons and data cycles from your classroom teachers too.

Do you contact parents if a student needs support?

We will always contact parents if we feel that you need extra support during your time in The Bridge. We will also contact parents to keep them updated on your progress too.





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