

MOVING TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRANSCRIPT

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“Before we begin, if you want the booklet that goes with this video, you can download it at the Address on the screen”

“Let’s get started”

“Hi there, my name is the Fabulous Big Blue Text Book but you can call me Textie for short. I’m here to work with you to see if we can get you ready for moving on to Post Primary school.”

A Big New Adventure!

“Wow, Year 7! You made it! Now you are going to be thinking about moving on to a new school. Let’s see what you know about where you are going.”

“We all know things have changed and we don’t know what school will look like when we get back but there are things we can do to be ready for when the time comes”

“You can write the information on the first page of the booklet”

“One thing at your new school you may not have come across before is a Head of Year. Each year has a teacher responsible for all the pupils in that year group. You may also have a form teacher and both, I’m sure, will be delighted to help if you need it”

“Anything you don’t know about your new school you can look up”

“Knowledge is Power, my friend! Get to know as much as you can about your new school and it will make the change that much easier. Most schools now have a website and you can Google it (with your parent’s permission) to get all the information you can!”

How to get to School!

“You need to think about how you are going to get there. Your new school may have a different starting time and the last thing you want to be doing is rushing on the first day. Give yourself plenty of time and plan ahead.”

“Now you are older, you may be responsible for getting yourself to school. Find out as much you can about how you’re getting there, whether it is walking...cycling...being driven...bus or train. Turn to the next section where you can record your answers“

Make sure you know what to do should you miss the bus or train and keep a contact number to let someone know, especially in the winter months when it can be dark”

School Uniform

“A new school means a lot of changes. Each school has its own uniform and it is important to wear your uniform properly when you start there. Remember everyone else in your year will

be in the same position and it is important to get it RIGHT. Don't worry! Give yourself the best possible start and get things ready the night before"

"Can you describe the uniform for your new school?"

"If you're not confident tying a tie, make sure you practice over the summer. Make a game of it and see how quick you can do it or try doing it with your eyes closed"

"Your school should provide you with a list of everything you need but you can be thinking about what you need as well, for example sports kit."

Other things you may need

"When starting school there may be a number of things you need to carry in your bag. Having the right tools for the job is always a good idea. It will be useful to practise packing your bag before the new term begins, making sure everything fits."

"If you are using the booklet there is an activity with this section to get you thinking"

"When you go to your new school some of the subjects you have been learning will be studied in more detail. There will be laboratories for science and workshops for craft design and technology. You will learn about yourself and about working with others. You may need to bring special clothes or equipment for these subjects. Make a list of some of the subjects that you might do in the first year which will need special equipment. You can do it on the booklet if you have it"

"This may seem like an awful lot to remember and cope with but the rest of the Year 8s will have the same to deal with. All the older pupils had to go through the same experience. The pupils before you managed it and so will you! Remember the teachers will be there to help and guide you through."

A Day at Your New School!

"Your new school will be different. Each school has its own way of running things. Although you may already know many of them, let's try to think about some of the things that Post Primary schools have in common."

"Boys and girls of your age will be coming from different Primary Schools to join you at your new school. Your day will be split into periods and you will be given a timetable telling you what subject you are to study and which of the many teachers will take you for it. You will have to move about the school, going to the room of the teacher who is to teach you for that period."

"Your timetable is an essential tool and it is important that you carry it with you all the time. It lets you know where you are going and what you need for the rest of the week."

"If you have a homework that is not due for two weeks, don't put it off. You won't know what other homework you will get before then and they can quickly add up. Best to get it done as soon as possible"

More Fun Facts

“At your new school you will have more freedom and you won’t be tied to one room and one teacher. When you move from period to period you may not be with the same pupils you were with in the previous class. Here are some things for you to consider to help you along”

“You will need to find out from your school how and when they have their registration. Be aware that registration may be recorded twice a day and you don’t want to be marked absent if you are present. Attendance is very important”

“You will have more homeworks as each teacher can set homework for their subject. A **Homework Diary** will be essential for keeping track of what you have to do and when it needs handing in. Not all homeworks are for the next day but you need to keep on top of your work. For many schools this is the way that teachers and parents or carers communicate with each other. Make sure you get your parent or carer to sign it if that is what the schools asks you“

“To help the school may provide you with a locker. You will be responsible for looking after it and make sure, if you are leaving books there, that you have enough time to get what you need between classes.”

“You will be meeting a lot of new people. Try and be as friendly as you can. Remember that listening can be as important as talking. A smile doesn’t hurt. It will take time to remember names but make the effort. Take your time in getting to know people. If you feel unsure or uncomfortable with the actions of others, or you know that their behaviour is wrong, then maybe they are not the type of people you want as friends. Do what you know is right and be strong. In time you will make the kind of friends, who will hopefully encourage you to do your best.”

MISTAKES CAN HAPPEN!

I have news for you. Nobody gets it right 110% of the time. If you do forget something, it’s not the end of the world. It can happen to the best of us. If you do forget something it is good to explain and apologise to the teacher. They may be able to arrange for you to share or have a spare one you can use.

If you can, you can practice giving an explanation. You can find an example in the booklet”

“Mistakes can happen sometimes because we did not understand exactly what the teacher meant. Some things may be different from what you are used to and if you pretend that you understand when you don’t, then the teacher will not know that you need help. There is no shame or weakness in admitting you did not understand the first time. It’s likely others will be the same and be relieved you have spoken up. The teacher will always prefer that you understand properly before moving on.”

FOLLOWING THE RULES

“Your new school will have rules just as your old one did. Sometimes we agree with the rules and sometimes we don’t but we know that if we break a rule there will be consequences.”

“RULES ARE MADE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS;

- TO PROTECT US
- TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE
- TO PROTECT SCHOOL PROPERTY.
- TO ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO WORK SMOOTHLY.
- TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION FOR EVERY PUPIL.
- TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WORKS WITHIN THE SAME STANDARDS.”

“Think about your favourite sport or game. If there were no rules it would be chaos”

“What rules would you have if you were in charge of a big school full of busy teachers with lots of pupils moving about the school and trying to do their work? If you have a booklet you can write down five rules which will be easy to understand, easy to obey and will help the school to run smoothly.”

“Well you’ve made it this far. Hopefully you have thought long and hard about what you need to prepare for changing school. This should make everything go that much smoother. A new school will provide you with lots of new experiences, interesting lessons and new friends to make. There is so much to look forward to. Although education is a right in this country you will only get out of school what you are prepared to put in. Work hard and give yourself the best possible start in life. Above all try and enjoy it. I wish you all the best and leave you with one important piece of advice;

KEEP SMILING”