

Getting around/to school

What do I bring on my first day?

- Pencil case – filled
- Reading book

Other than walking, can I get to school another way?

It is possible to get to school by car (though you must live quite far away) and by bicycle. If coming by bike you must wear a helmet and park your bike with a bike lock in the cycle area. No scooters allowed, only walking, cars and bikes.

How will I find my classes?

- You will be given a [map](#) (click to view). Soon you'll get used to your new classes and the layout of the school. In case you do get lost, you can always ask a teacher or a pupil for directions – they're always very friendly!
- Year 8s should know where the rooms are if you ask them
- Year 9s and above most certainly do know where to go as they have been there for 3 years
- Ask at reception if you are really lost and they will be able to point you in the right direction

What if I get lost and I'm late to my classes?

For the first couple of weeks teachers are always forgiving and will understand if you're accidentally late – it happens to everyone!! However if you're constantly late it will be taken more seriously.

Is the school big?

When you start it seems really big but after a couple of weeks it will start to feel smaller and you will know your way around.

Getting to know people

How do I make friends?

You won't have much of a problem making friends. Everyone will be just as nervous as you so just be nice to people and you'll make friends in no time!

After-school activities

What after-school activities are there?

Football, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Rugby, Netball, Drama Club, Chess Club, Magic Club, IT Club, and many more. Link to [all after-school activities](#).

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What happens if you want to do more PE?

The PE department has extra-curricular activities and if you want to go to one just turn up on the day with your PE kit and get changed.

Want to do more music?

The music department holds activities before and after school. Just turn up on the day! There is choir, band and lots more.

What do you do if you're scared to go to the after-school activities?

Just find a friend who would like to go with you and just ask the teacher if you can be with them.

Work, lessons and organisation

Do you need to bring your calculator to school?

Yes you may need it for a maths test or a maths lesson.

What do you have to take to school?

Stationery, diary (planner), books for lessons that day, lunch or lunch-card, homework, rough book.

How can I make sure that I don't forget anything?

Pack your school bag the night before and double check before you leave your house in the morning.

What should I do if I forget something?

Firstly, don't hide it from the teacher and apologise to them. Secondly, if it's a pen or pencil or something like that, borrow some from friends.

Lockers

Lockers are available for students to use to store their belongings in a safe and secure place. The use of a locker for a year costs £3.00. There will be a letter for your parent/carer to complete.

The School Day

What time do I have to be at school?

You have to be at school at 8.40am and in tutor for registration at 8.50am which ends at 9.10am. There is afternoon registration from 2.10pm to 2.20pm with your tutors.

When do we eat lunch?

On your first day your tutor will tell you which break you are on and what time it is. There are 2 different breaks: 1st break is at 11.10 for 20 minutes; lunch break is from 1.30pm to 2.10pm.

What is the School Day Timetable?

8.50am - 9.10am	Registration
9.10am - 10.10am	Lesson 1
10.10am - 11.10am	Lesson 2
11.10am - 11.30am	Break
11.30am - 12.30am	Lesson 3
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lesson 4
1.30pm - 2.10pm	Lunch
2.10pm - 2.20pm	Registration
2.20pm - 3.20pm	Lesson 5

What if I have a dentist or medical appointment?

- Sign in at reception and show your tutor the information
- If the appointment is during the day then you need to bring a note in, ask your tutor to sign it in morning tutor, and give it to reception when you sign out

How do you know when to go to the next lesson?

The bell and teacher tells you when to go.

How many options do the school lunches have?

Lots – you can have meal of the day, veggie or meat sandwiches, pasta pots, drinks, cakes cookies and lots more. Cucina are our school caterers, you can have a look at [an example menu](#) here.

Homework

Do you get much homework and is it hard?

During your first couple of weeks you will not have the full amount of homework. It will build up as the weeks go along. The difficulty of the homework will be up to your standard. At first you may find it difficult but you will find it becomes easier as you go along your school year.

How should I do my homework?

- Find a tidy place to work – a messy desk equals a messy mind!
- Turn off the TV – some people work better with music, some don't
- Use your planner, so you know when to expect homework
- Organise your time – don't leave everything to the last minute
- Do certain tasks over a couple of nights e.g. learn for your maths test on Monday, then test yourself on Tuesday
- Don't begin straight after school when you're tired – have a break first
- Don't start too late though or you won't have time to have a social life
- Make the most of local resources

What if you don't understand your homework?

- Go and see your teacher at least 2 days before it is due in.
- You can make an appointment with your teacher after school.

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Where will you write your homework?

You will get a homework diary and you write in there your homework and when its due in and there is a box so you tick it off when you have finished your homework. You won't get as much homework on the 1st couple of days.

How should homework be done and when should you give it in?

Homework should be done to the best of your ability and you should spend from 10minutes to 30minutes on your homework. Homework should be given in on your next lesson or when your teacher says.

Uniform

Can girls wear trousers?

Yes, there are trousers for girls and you can wear a jumper under your blazer. Boys can wear a jumper under their blazer too

How should you wear your uniform?

With your top button done up, shirt tucked in and tie with badge showing.

Link to [detailed information on school uniform](#)

Rewards

How do you get merits?

- By doing good work
- Achieving something
- Good effort
- Service to the school

What do you get with a certain amount of merits?

After a certain amount of commendations you will receive a certificate

- Bronze – 30
- Silver – 60
- Gold – 90

Detentions

How not to get detentions...

- Do the right thing!

Bullying

Edgbarrow School is a very safe school where we don't stand for any bullying. If someone is being unkind to you then you should tell your tutor who will sort it out for you.

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What type of bullying could there be?

In all schools there can be verbal bullying, cyber bullying and physical bullying. All of these are unacceptable and you shouldn't suffer in silence.

What do you do if you are being bullied?

Tell someone you trust

What do you do if you see someone being bullied?

Tell someone

Link to [more information on keeping safe](#)

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