



Parental frequently asked questions

What will happen on the first day in September?

We are working on our planning for September and these plans will be informed by the latest government advice. We will write to you before the summer holiday with further information.

Is there help available with the cost of school uniform?

If you are currently in receipt of free school meals, we will be able to help you with some of the cost of Wyvern college uniform. We also have a supply of good quality, second-hand uniform which is available to parents free of charge, please contact Mrs Bowler s.bowler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

My child has a medical condition which staff at the college will need to know about, how do I go about sharing this?

We will write to all parents in the summer term, enclosing a comprehensive information pack. If the feeder school has indicated your child has a medical condition, we will enclose a medical questionnaire for you to complete and return to us. It is important that we receive this information for our records.

If you wish to discuss your child's medical condition with our Welfare Officer, please contact welfare@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with details of the best time to call you during the school day. You can also email in any medical concerns to the same email address.

Will my child be in the same tutor group as their friends?

We try to place students into a tutor group with at least one friend from junior school, however, it is worth bearing in mind that tutor time is only a short period of time in the college day. Our team of tutors work hard to ensure that their tutees make new friends and no child feels left out.

My child wants to ride their bike to and from college, are there bike sheds available?

We encourage our students to walk or ride their bike to college where possible. It is important that bikes are roadworthy, and your child wears a helmet and brings a lock every day so their bike can be stored securely in the bike sheds. The bike sheds are supervised by Wyvern staff at the beginning and end of the day. Permission to access the bikes sheds outside of these times should be sought via Reception.

Both you and your child will need to sign the 'permission to cycle to College' form which can be found in the log book. Once signed, your child will need to take their log book to the Finance Office who will stamp it.

My child will be travelling to college for the first time on their own and I am worried about that. How can I support them with this?

Practice your child's journey beforehand in the summer holiday so they are familiar with the route they need to take. If your child is travelling by bus, go on the bus journey with them so they become confident with the route. Aim to make two practice runs before the start of term in September.

My child is eligible for the Pupil Premium, what additional support will they receive at Wyvern?

Details of Pupil Premium eligibility and further details can be found on our website:

<https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/parents/pupil-premium/>

We also publish a comprehensive document annually outlining how we spend our Pupil Premium funding.

My child has Special Educational Needs, who can I speak to regarding this?

If you have any questions, worries or concerns about your child regarding SEN please contact the Learning Support Team, this includes the Learning Support Administrator Mrs Kim Bennett k.bennett@wyvern.hants.sch.uk or SENCo Assistant Mrs Gemma Healey g.healey@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with information about your child.

Who do I talk to if I have a concern?

For pastoral concerns, your child's tutor is the first point of contact and subject concerns should be raised with individual subject teachers. The logbook and the Wyvern website contain further information about how to contact college staff. We ask that parents do not arrive at the college site without an appointment, further details are in the log book and on our website

<https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/parents/making-appointments-with-staff-at-wyvern/>

What support is available for my child's well-being?

The social and emotional wellbeing of our students is a high priority for all of us and we have worked hard to develop and maintain a strong community ethos. Wyvern college has an excellent pastoral system; this includes the Pastoral Leader for each Year Group, the team of Pastoral Assistants and the tutors who oversee the welfare of students from Years 7 to 11. Liaison with a range of outside agencies, including health and social care professionals can be sought where appropriate.

We have a comprehensive support on our website for parents and students and this can be found at <https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/supporting-student-well-being/>

In addition, assemblies, the tutor time programme and the Religious and Personal Studies (RPS) curriculum provide opportunities for children to explore and discuss issues such as self-esteem, relationships, friendships, team-work, identity and bullying.

My child has had ELSA support at junior school, will this carry on at Wyvern?

Starting secondary school is an opportunity for a fresh start for all children. Initially, we want to get to know your child and give them an opportunity to settle in, make new friends and build

relationships with Wyvern staff. We will support your child to become more independent. We know that some children may require additional support, and the tutors and pastoral office work closely together to identify, at an early stage, children who need our support to make a successful transition to secondary school.

My child struggles with organisation and is anxious about forgetting things and getting into 'trouble'. How will you support him or her?

Our team of year 7 tutors are here to support your child from their first day in September and they understand that the transition to secondary school is a big step for all children.

Getting organised begins at home and some simple steps you can take as a parent include: helping your child to pack their school bag the night before, putting a copy of the timetable (this will be provided at the start of term) on display so lessons and equipment can be easily checked, getting into good bedtime and morning routines so the start of the day isn't rushed and encouraging your child to check their logbook daily for homework deadlines.

Does my child need a mobile phone?

We understand the pressure many parents may face to provide their son or daughter with a mobile phone as they start secondary school. It can be reassuring to know that your child can contact you on their journey to and from college and a phone can help develop their independence. At Wyvern, we operate a strict 'no mobile phones' policy and our students know that from the moment they enter the college site in the morning, they are not allowed their phones out. If students need to contact a parent during the college day, we will make those calls on their behalf. We would ask for your support from the start of year 7 with regards to our mobile phones policy.