



WELCOME TO
**THE SNAITH
SCHOOL**

How should I get ready for my first day?

Starting secondary school is a big change. We know you will have lots of questions, so we have written this book to answer them and help you settle in quickly and confidently.

Travelling to school

Many of you will be travelling by bus to school. Well before your first day, make sure you have a bus pass or have sorted out how you are paying for your travel. Check your timetable and route so you know where to catch your bus and how long it takes.

Allow plenty of time for delays on the way so you arrive on time.

What do I need for my first day?

Uniform:

You should always wear the correct uniform. Remember, you are representing our school when you wear it, so always look smart.

Equipment:

You will also need to bring these items every day:

Pens, scientific calculator, pencils, pair of compasses, 30cm ruler, coloured pencils, rubber, glue stick, sharpener and protractor.

We will also give you a planner, which you will need to bring every day. You will keep it on your desk during lessons so you can update it.

TOP TIP Pack your bag the night before and check it against your timetable so you don't forget anything!



What happens in the school day?

Each day consists of five periods, with morning and lunchtime breaks. The timings are as follows:

	From	To
Registration	8:50am	9:15am
Period 1	9:15am	10:15am
Period 2	10:15am	11:15am
Break	11:15am	11:35am
Period 3	11:35am	12:35pm
Lunch	12:35pm	1:15pm
Period 4	1:15pm	2:15pm
Period 5	2:15pm	3:15pm

You will see your Form Tutor every day at registration and you will get to know each other well.

TOP TIP If you get lost moving around the school, you can ask any adult or older student. They will be happy to help.

There are different classrooms for each lesson, and we allow four minutes to travel between classes. Our school site is compact, so you will get to know your way around really quickly.

What about food?

We have a brilliant range of food available, from snacks, wraps and pasta pots to hot meals. We cater for all dietary needs and allergies. Menus are published every week and are printed out all around the school on noticeboards.

You don't need to bring cash to pay for your meals. Our thumbprint system is linked to your online payment account. We will show you how to use it on your first day.



What will I study?

We offer a full range of subjects on the curriculum:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
- Art and Design
- Computing
- Drama
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education, Philosophy and Ethics
- Technology



TOP TIP

Plan your time so that you allow time to complete your homework to a standard you are proud of. Planning will mean you get your homework in on time and you also have time for hobbies and out-of-school interests.

You will also study the APEX curriculum, which covers personal development and British values and helps prepare you for your life beyond school.

You will study a broad range of subjects that will equip you with the knowledge, skills and experiences to be successful.



Your teachers

Your teachers are all experts in their subjects, and your lessons will be interesting and exciting. Your teacher will support you when you need extra help but will push you to achieve more than you think is possible.

Homework

Your teachers will set regular homework. Log it in your planner when you get it.

What is expected from me?

We are very proud of our school and students and the wonderful community atmosphere we have here.

To help keep The Snaith School a place where learning is celebrated, we have high expectations for behaviour.

- Our school values are:**
- **Ready** Be on time, look smart, be prepared and do your best.
 - **Respectful** Treat teachers, staff and students with respect. Respect others' learning and school resources and equipment.
 - **Safe** Take responsibility for your own safety and move around the school sensibly. Follow instructions straight away.

Following these values will also help you develop maturity and model behaviour for a happy and successful life during your time with us and when you leave us.

TOP TIP

If you are worried about anything, don't keep it in. Speak to an adult at school and they will help.



What happens when I have done well?

We have a brilliant rewards system. You can earn reward stamps and trade them in our Rewards Shop. We also award certificates and pin badges. Super Stars, weekly top stamps earners, high flyers and top tiers are also recognised. We even arrange a whole-school rewards trip and will give you lots of support and encouragement to meet the necessary standards so you can qualify to go.

What if I need help?

We are a kind and supportive school community and we know that you will only be able to reach your full potential if you feel happy and secure. So, if you are having problems at school or outside, you can speak to your Form Tutor or Year Leader...whoever you feel most comfortable talking to. It really does help to talk, and whoever you speak to, they will give you time to talk and offer practical and ongoing support and advice.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

You can take part in a huge range of other activities.

They are an important part of your education and personal development and offer opportunities beyond the classroom. We believe that extra-curricular activities can provide positive and life-changing experiences.

You can take part in clubs at lunchtime and after school.

We run sports clubs for football, rugby, netball and table tennis, and you may have the chance to represent the school.

We have a choir, band and drama club and produce regular school performances and productions such as the Christmas and summer concerts.

Our STEM, chess, book and games clubs are very popular as well.

There really is something for everyone.

TOP TIP

Don't miss out – try a range of activities in your first term. They are a great way of finding a new interest and making new friends.



We also offer trips and visits and fundraising activities, and our students tell us that they have formed life-long memories taking part in these experiences.



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**We are the heart of our community,
opening doors to great opportunities and
happy, successful lives.**

We look forward to meeting you.

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