

## GOING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SOCIAL STORY

At the end of July, I will be leaving Victoria Junior School.



This may make me feel sad. Every year 6 child in England will be leaving their primary school. It is okay to feel sad but it is also okay to feel excited or nervous.



After the summer holidays, I will be going to secondary school. This is because I am older now and I am ready to go to a bigger school and learn lots of new things. I am growing up.



It will feel very strange at first. I may not know where to go but there will be adults there to help me.



There will be lots of children there that I do not know. If I smile at them and say hello, I may make some new friends. Everyone will be feeling nervous.



The adults there will help me to find the right places and to talk to me if I am worried.



My new school may be further away from my home. I may have to walk there on my own. This means that I am growing up. Lots of other children will also be walking to school, and when I have made new friends, I may find others to walk with. It is good to practice walking to school in the summer so I know where to go.



At my new school, I will have lots of different lessons in lots of different rooms. There will be different teachers for each lesson.



This will be very different to Victoria and may make me feel a bit worried at first. When I feel worried, my tummy may feel funny. Everyone's tummy will be feeling a bit funny too and that's okay. That is because everything will be new and different.



When I have been going to my new school for a little while, it will stop being strange and different. I will stop feeling worried. If I feel really worried, I can talk to an adult at my new school. They understand that everything is strange and will help me.



It can be good to go to different rooms for different subjects. Secondary schools are much bigger and have big rooms like science labs and music rooms. This means that we can learn lots of new things in exciting ways.



They have big spaces outdoors to play different sports.



I will be wearing a new uniform when I go to secondary school. If I try it on a few times in the summer, I can let my adults know if it feels comfortable.



I may have to wear a tie. This may feel odd at first but if I try it on a few times, I will get used to it. I will look very smart and grown up.

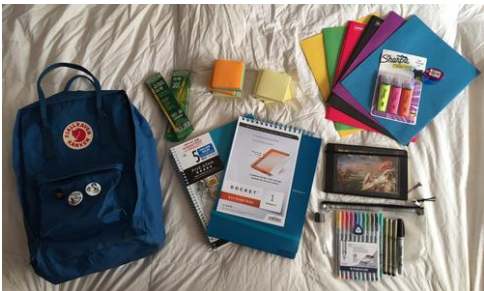


I will have to do homework at my new school. If I do some homework every day, I will make my adults very pleased and proud of me. There may be homework clubs at school that I can go to.



I will have lots of books to take to school each day. I may have a locker to put some of my things in. My new adults will show me where it is and how to use it. My adults will give me a timetable. This will show me which lessons I have each day so that I know which books to bring. If I look at my timetable every night, I will know what I will need for the next day and I can pack them in my bag before I go to bed. My adults at home can help me with this at first.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM	Before School	Before School	PD 1 8:30-8:20	Before School	Before School
9:00 AM	Period 1 Block 1 Line 1	Period 1 Block 1 Line 1	PD 2 9:00-9:10	Period 1 Block 1 Line 2	Period 1 Block 1 Line 7
9:55 AM	Period 2	Period 2	PD 2 9:20-9:30	Period 2	Period 2
10:50 AM	HIS	HIS	HIS (10:30-10:50)	HIS	HIS
11:00 AM	RECESS	RECESS	Period 3 (10:50-11:40)	RECESS	RECESS
11:20 AM	Period 3 Block 2 Line 2	Period 3 Block 2 Line 4	Block 2 Line 4	Period 3 Block 3 Line 3	Period 3 Block 2 Line 6
12:15 AM	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 (11:45-12:05)	Period 4	Period 4
1:05 PM	LUNCH 1	LUNCH 1	LUNCH 1 (12:40-1:05)	LUNCH 1	LUNCH 1
1:25 PM	LUNCH 2	LUNCH 2	LUNCH 2 (1:05-1:25)	LUNCH 2	LUNCH 2
			LUNCH 3 (1:25-1:45)		
1:45 PM	Period 5 Block 3 Line 3	Period 5 Block 3 Line 6	Period 5 Block 3 Line 7	Period 5 Block 3 Line 1	Period 5 Block 3 Line 1
2:40 PM	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
3:30 PM	After School	After School	After School	After School	After School





I will have lunch at school just like I did at Victoria. My new school may have a place called a canteen which is a bit like a cafe. The adults will show me where this is and how to use it. I may have a card to buy my lunch. I will need to keep this in a safe place.



Sometimes, I find things a bit difficult. I may find work difficult or I may find it hard to make new friends. I may find it hard to sit still and do my work. My adults at Victoria know what I find difficult. My adults at Victoria have told my new adults what I find hard and what I am really good at. My adults at Victoria have told my new adults ways to help me.



When I meet my new adults, I won't know them but they will know about me.  
When I have been to my new school for a while, they will know me well.



If I am feeling sad about leaving Victoria, I can talk to my adults at home. If I am feeling worried about going to my new school, I can tell my adults at home. They can look at the school's website with me. If I feel sad, that is okay. If I feel worried, that is okay. If I feel excited, that is okay. All year 6 children are feeling these things and that is okay. I can talk to my adults about this and they will help me.

