

Children's Top Tips for Moving to Secondary School

Getting Started



"Make good choices and follow the rules."

"Make a good first impression with the teachers and don't be disruptive in class."

"Don't be afraid to ask someone for help."

"Try your best with all new subjects!"

"Don't be intimidated by the size of the school."

"Don't be afraid to ask the teachers anything."

"Don't stress too much over tests."

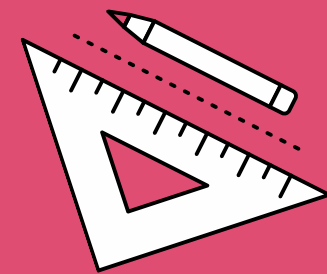
"Stay on top of your homework."

"Keep your bag light and to gradually bring your books into your locker depending on the day instead of bringing all your books on the one day."

"During the time coming up to your Christmas exams, don't cram all the studying into a couple of days."

"Make sure to stay organised and the night before remember your first few classes before break and then at break you can organise for the next few classes."

"Always have your books for class and have your homework done in time."



Staying Organised



Making Friends

"Join as many clubs and extra-curricular activities as you can. Get involved in school events and fundraising."

"Have a positive mindset and have an open mind on making new friends."

"Just be yourself and try to make friends within the first few days."

"If you have no friends in your class, it's 100% okay to just go up to someone and be like, 'Hi. I'm...'. I've made some great friends that way."



"Take part in activities."

Preparing Now

"I think the stuff we learned in primary school about Maths, Irish and English really help in secondary school."

"We did a lot of projects."

"We learned how to take notes and follow a timetable."

"A lot of more advanced work to prepare me."

"Prepared us to work independently."

"My teacher gave us tips when it came to studying or staying organised."

"Don't stress about it. It's not as hard as they make it seem."

"Don't worry because it's good fun."

"Don't be nervous. It is a great experience. I loved it."

Handling Nerves

"Don't be nervous because it will turn out fine."

"Don't worry about it. You will settle in so fast, and you'll have a great time!"

"It's not that scary once you're settled in."