

Blackwood Comprehensive School



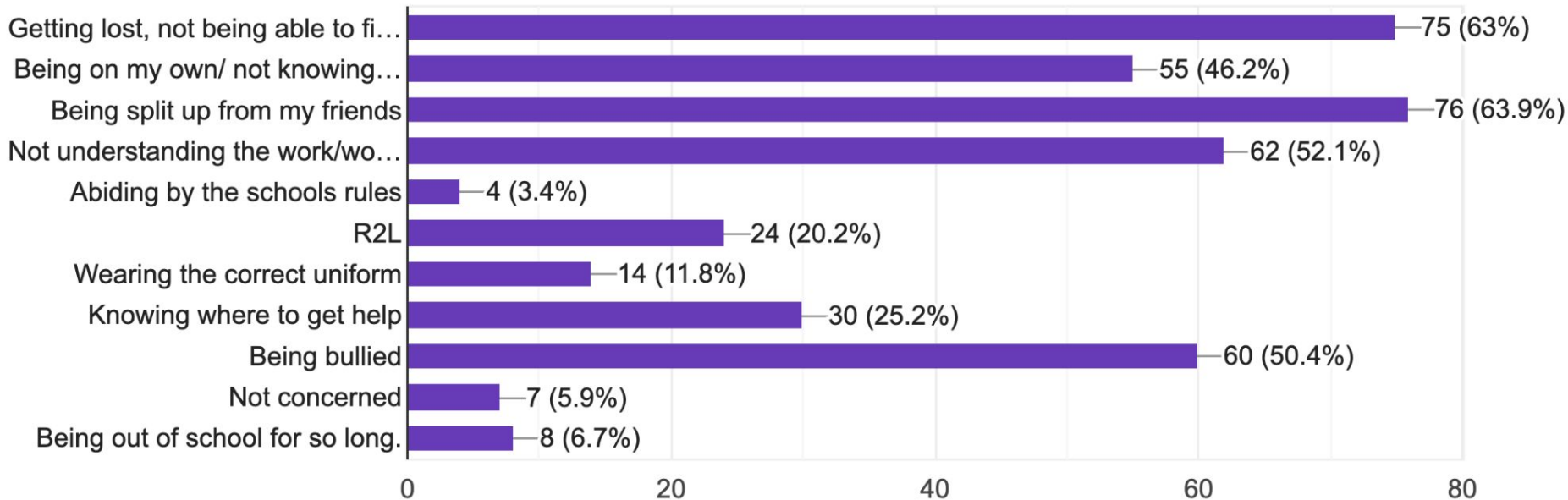
Mrs Tracy Davies -
Head of Key Stage 3 (Transition)

Questions and answers resulting
from the survey completed by you.



What are you concerned about?

119 responses



What are your main concerns and worries?

1. Being split up from my friends;
2. Getting lost and not being able to find my way around a larger school site;
3. Not understanding the work or the work being too hard;
4. Being bullied;
5. Being on my own and not knowing anyone;
6. Knowing where to find help, if it is needed.

Being split up from my friends - Year 7 pupil



- Your Year 6 teachers will send me friendship lists so that I can ensure you are put into a form class with some of your friends.
- You will be put into a form class with at least three other members of your primary school.
- Obviously you will be split up from some of your friends as there will be 7 form classes in total, but look at this positively. This will be an opportunity to make new friends, form new friendship groups and learn new skills.

Getting lost and not being able to find my way around a larger school site.

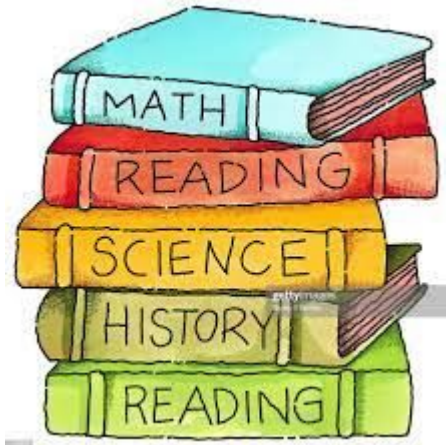


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FRENCH & SPANISH

- Please watch the virtual tour of the school, which shows the school site and buildings.
- You will also have year 9 buddies, (if covid restrictions will allow), members of staff and other pupils to help you to find your way and answer any questions you have.
- Click on this link to see a map of the school.

[Map of the school](#)

Not understanding the work or the work being too hard.



Secondary School is a lot like primary school as you will still get support from a number of people:

Your Form Tutor;

Subject Teachers;

Year 7 Progress Managers (Mrs Colley and Mr Williams);

Head of Key Stage 3 (Mrs Davies)

Other pupils and peers;

Learning Support Assistants;

the Senior Leadership Team.

Being bullied



We do not tolerate any form of bullying in school.

If you feel that you are being bullied there are a number of people that can help:

- Pupil Anti-bullying Ambassadors who have been specifically trained to help
- Your Form Tutor
- Your Subject Teachers
- Your Progress Managers (Mrs Colley, Mr Williams)
- Head of Key Stage 3 (Mrs Davies)
- Pastoral staff and Manager
- SLT (Senior Leadership Team)

Being on my own and not knowing anybody

WE'RE
in this
TOGETHER

- You will be placed in a form with at least 3 other members of your primary school so you will definitely know somebody.
- You will be encouraged to make new friends and we really hope that you take this opportunity.
- We have two areas of the school called the Cwtch and the Llwyddo that can offer you a place to go and make new friends during break and lunch times.
- There are lots of extra curricular clubs and opportunities on offer. Please join as many of these as you can to help you make new friends with people who have similar interests or want to meet new people and learn new skills. (again this depends on covid restrictions)

Knowing where to find help



For your first two weeks in school you will have Year 9 buddies helping you to find your way around. Taking you from lessons to other lessons. (If covid restrictions allow)

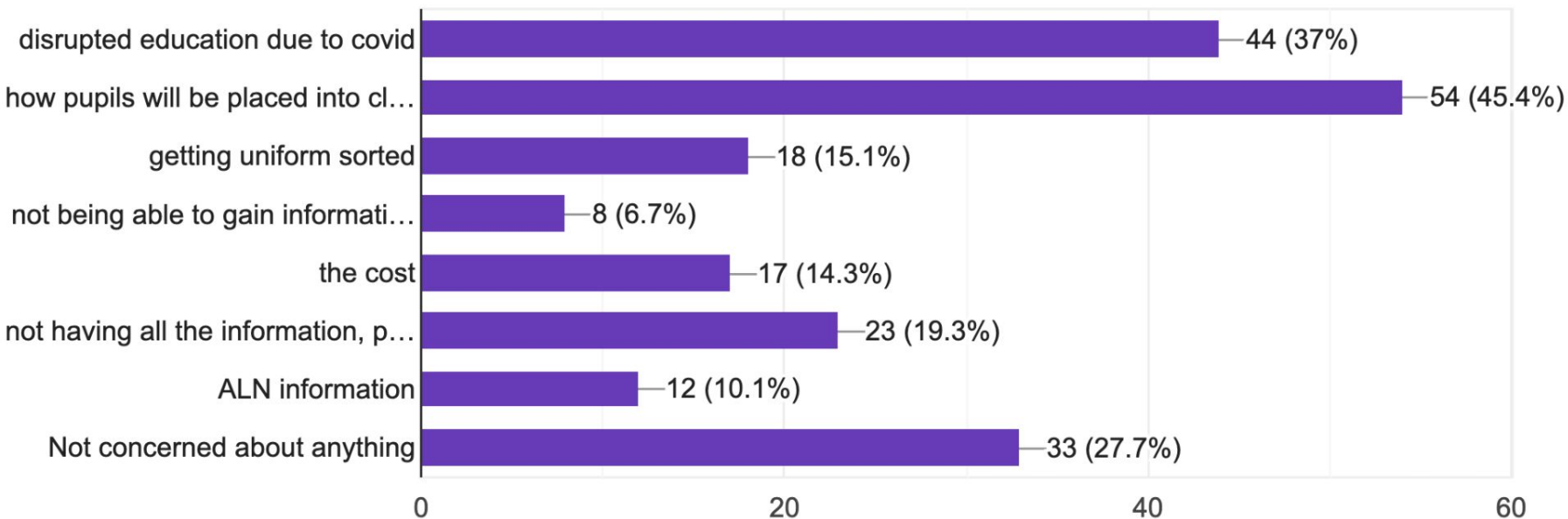
It's surprising how quickly you will learn your way around.

Other people to help are:

Your friends, other pupils, form tutor, progress manager, subject teachers, Head of Key Stage 3, pastoral staff, associative staff and the receptionist.

Ask your parents/carers, what are their concerns about your transition process to Blackwood Comprehensive School?

119 responses



What were your parents/carers concerned about?

1. How pupils will be placed into classes
2. Disrupted education due to covid
3. Not having all the information, policies and procedures beforehand
4. Getting uniform sorted

How pupils will be placed into classes



- There are going to be 7 forms in Year 7.
- Pupils will be placed in a form with hopefully at least 3 of their friends from primary school. They are all mixed ability except for 2 forms.
- These 2 forms are: our LLwyddo 'nurture' form; and our catch up form, for pupils who need extra educational support.

Disrupted Education due to covid

- Like yourselves and your child, we have never been in this situation before but are really looking forward to you starting in september.
- We will do everything we possibly can to settle them into the school routine.

Not having all the information, policies and procedures



- I have been working alongside your Year 6 primary school teachers for a number of years. They are experts in this! We work very closely together to make sure you will have a smooth transition.

Getting uniform sorted



- Uniform can be purchased at the moment online from various retail outlets and our school uniform providers (see next slide)
- We are very proud of our School Council who created a recycling uniform shop. This recycled uniform will be available from school reception for a small donation.
- Ties are sold at the school —reception.

Uniform

**ORDER YOUR
UNIFORM**

USE OUR WEBSITE OR CALL
THE STORE TO ORDER

ALL UNIFORM IS FULLY STOCKED
STORE IS OPEN 9-12 TO TAKE ORDERS

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Click her to go to: [the Schools website regarding what uniform is needed.](#)



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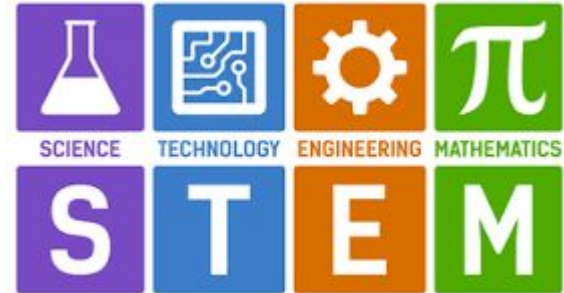
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CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR SIMPLY SEND US A MESSAGE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!

What type of activities would you like to see at Blackwood Comprehensive School that you currently enjoy in your Primary School?



- **Sports clubs (netball, football, rugby, gymnastics, tae-kwon-do)**
- **Expressive arts clubs (art, drama, music, fashion design)**
- **Technology clubs (Cooking club)**
- **Science clubs**
- **Maths clubs - algebra**
- **ICT clubs (movie making)**
- **Well being activities- ELSA**
- **Outside lessons/learning**
- **Caretaker assistants**
- **Being with friends**
- **Commander**



Other questions that were asked?



What can you do at home to help anxious pupils prior to starting school?



- Encourage your child to talk about their anxieties/concerns and try to reassure them.
- Share and talk about any of the information that you see regarding transition.
- There is a lot of information shared on our school website in the 'supporting wellbeing' section that may be of use as well as the transition section.

Link to school website:

[School Website](#)

What is R2L?

R2L (Ready 2 Learn) is our behaviour policy that all staff and pupils abide by.

The aim is to make sure that everyone in school is ready to learn at all times.

If a pupil is not ready to learn then they are given a verbal warning by a member of staff. If they choose not to alter their behaviour then they are sent straight to the R2L room.

This is managed by the Senior Leadership Team. Once referred the pupil then has to spend; 5 lessons, a different break and lunch time to other pupils and a 30 minute detention after school. They complete the 5 lessons in silence. Work from their timetabled subject is given to them to carry on their education. Parents/carers are informed via classcharts.

Behaviours will result in a **Verbal Warning** or removal to **R2L**

1. **Not arriving on time**, within five minutes of the bell.
2. **Not being ready to learn** - The Blackwood Way (whatever the routine is within your classroom)
3. **Not following instructions** promptly and without debate.
4. **Not being polite and respectful** to all members of staff and peers. Inappropriate language.
5. **Not remaining on task** and complete all work to the best of your ability.
6. **Not remaining quiet** when the teacher/peers are speaking and work in silence when asked to.
7. **Eating or drinking** in class (water may be allowed in lessons)

Red Card Detentions and immediate removal to **R2L**

Defiance

If a member of staff asks a pupil to do something, they must do it.

- *'At Blackwood Comprehensive School we follow instructions first time. If you choose not to follow my instruction you will be sent to the R2L room for 5 school lessons and an after school detention.'*

If **Mobile Phones** are seen or heard they will be confiscated. Refusal to cooperate is classed as **defiance**.

Red Card Detentions

There are no warnings for these misbehaviours. You will receive a 'Red Card Detention' for any of the following:

- ✗ Arriving late to school
- ✗ Issues with uniform or equipment
- ✗ Incidents of poor behaviour at social times which could be running indoors, shouting indoors, pushing/shoving, inappropriate language or attitude, dropping litter/throwing food, hitting or kicking any other school property

What is ALN?



ALN stands for (Additional Learning Needs)

Mrs Rudman who is our ALNCO will help you with any queries if you feel your child needs support in this area. Please email:

rudmac@blackwood.caerphilly.sch.uk

Are teachers strict?



The teachers at Blackwood Comprehensive School are friendly, approachable, kind and helpful. However, if a pupil does not behave appropriately or does not allow others to learn, then the teacher will follow the schools' behaviour policy. Some of you may see this as being strict!

How will parents, carers and pupils be kept informed?



- The School Website page.
<http://www.blackwood.caerphilly.sch.uk/>
- The School Instagram page -
blackwoodcomp
- The School Twitter Page -
@Blackwood_Comp
- Information via your Year 6
teachers.
- Or any urgent queries than please
email Mrs Davies on:
daviet3@blackwood.caerphilly.sch.uk

Will there be a lot of people?



There are going to be 205 pupils in your year group with a total of approximately 1000 pupils in the school alongside teachers, support staff, canteen staff, admin staff.

Work and Homework - How much? ALN? differentiated.



Homework is set by subject teachers and varies between each department. My advice is to do your homework on the day you are given it so it is fresh in your mind and out of the way.

All classwork and homework is differentiated to the needs of each child?

How many lessons/subjects will I have?

Below is a list of the subjects you will study in Year 7 and the number of lessons over the two weeks you will have:

- **English – 7 lessons**
- **Mathematics – 7 lessons**
- **Science – 6 lessons**
- Expressive Arts – Drama, music and Art 5 lessons
- Technology – 4 lessons
- Geography – 2 lessons
- History – 3 lessons
- Physical Education – 4 lessons
- Religious Studies – 2 lesson
- PSHE – 1 lesson
- Welsh – 3 lessons
- French – 4 lessons
- IT – 2 lessons

Click on this link to the school website which gives you information on:

[Subjects/timetables in Year 7](#)

Applying for bus passes, uniform grants, Free School Meals (FSM)



[Information on bus passes](#)

FSM - this should automatically transfer from primary to secondary school

Uniform grant. - unfortunately no information until July

**Finally, I hope this
powerpoint has helped.**

**Any further queries then
please don't hesitate to
ask.**

See you soon

**Blackwood
Comprehensive School**

