**Finding out more - questions to ask as my child joins their new Primary school**

Supporting your child as they start at a new school in a new country can be challenging. We have put together a number of questions that you *might* want to ask before your child starts their education here.

Not all the questions listed will be relevant to you and your child. Similarly, not everything that you want to know more about will be shown as a question below.

School wants to build a good relationship with you so you can both work together to support your child’s progress. You are encouraged to ask questions.

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| **Uniform** |
| Where can I buy school uniform? |
| What are the rules about headscarves? |
| What PE kit does my child need? |
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| **Lunch** |
| How much money do I need to provide for school meals each day? |
| What is available for lunch? |
| Is there a halal lunch option? |
| How do I apply for free school meals? |
| Can my child bring their own food? |
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| **Travel** |
| Where can I find out about bus routes? |
| Where do I drop off and collect my child every day? |
| Can my child walk home alone from school? |
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| **Communicating with school** |
| If my child is ill, or cannot attend school, how do I communicate with school?  |
| Are their opportunities for me to speak with my child’s teacher other than at parents evening? |
| If I am struggling to speak with school is it possible to access an interpreter? |
| **Parents Evening** |
| What happens at parents evening? |
| Will an interpreter be available for parents evening? |
| Should I bring my child with me to parents evening? |
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| **Homework** |
| What sort of homework will my child get? |
| How much homework will my child get? |
| Can my child get help with homework in school? |
| How can I best support my child with their homework? |
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| **Learning** |
| How will you support my child to learn English? |
| How will you respond if my child struggles in class? |
| How can I help my child to learn? |
| How do you measure academic success? |
| What will my child study? |
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| **Extra-curricular activities** |
| What opportunities are available after school for my child e.g. sports, clubs? |
| Are there any costs involved in taking part in extra-curricular activities? |
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| **Other** |
| Can my child bring a mobile phone to school? |
| What will happen if my child gets bullied? |
| Who provides the books and stationary for my child to use at school? |