



WESTLANDS
SCHOOL

WELCOME

Year 7 New Intake Evening



EXPECT MORE

Where is your child now?

A Warm Welcome: We want your child to feel confident on their first day at Westlands; excited about joining our school and eager to experience new things.

Developing Confidence:

- **A friendly face on the playground.**
- **Knowing where to go.**
- **Being part of a team.**
- **Knowing where the toilets are.**
- **Answering any questions.**
- **Being set a challenge.**

What to expect at Westlands.

Being at secondary school will be very different from primary school.

- Size of the school
- Different teachers for different subjects
- Greater range of subjects
- Greater independence
- Different uniform
- Different expectations on conduct
- Lots of extra-curricular activities

Respect: respect comes first. We value respect for others and respect for ourselves.

Achievement: achievement is the core purpose of our school. We celebrate our success both inside and outside school.

Diversity: we embrace the fact that we come from different backgrounds. This diversity makes our school a more interesting and inspiring place.

Aspiration: we really do believe in our motto that in our school we 'Expect More'. We value ambition, both at school and in developing our character.

Resilience: we value effort and the determination to keep trying when we have made a mistake.



Who works with Year 7 pupils?

Meeting the team

Principal: monitors academic success and deals with serious behavioural issues.

Learning Leader: in charge of your child's achievement.

Pastoral Support Managers: support staff who deal with issues like falling out with friends, lost belongings, reminding pupils about detentions, etc.



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What rewards/ sanctions do you issue?

Rewards

- Postcards
- Bromcom positive points
- Community trips
- Achievement assemblies
- Awards' Evening
- Book of Commendation

Sanctions

- Behaviour support calls
- Lunchtime detentions
- After-school detentions
- CIR room
- Exclusions and IPSP

What uniform do they need?

We will send out a full list explaining what items of clothing are allowed at our school.

- Clothes and shoes in the 'school section' of a shop may not be part of our school uniform.
- Make sure you know the rules regarding uniform.
- Putting names in everything is helpful.
- Have spares at home.
- Get your child to get their uniform organised the night before.

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NO PHONE ZONE



Expect More



In February 2024, the Department of Education recommended that all secondary schools in England need to ban mobile phones.

1. Pupils can use their phone on the way to and from school.
2. They can have their phones in their bag throughout the the day.
3. They can not use their phones during break or lunch time.
4. Phones that are seen (or heard) will be confiscated.

What happens in transition week?

Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July

- Pupils gather in **Newlands playground** by **9.00 a.m.** on the **Monday**. Every other day students meet in Newlands playground by **8.30 a.m.**
- Students will follow a Year 7 timetable and will be guided by our student ambassadors and staff. School finishes at **3.05 p.m.**
- CATs testing will take place throughout the week.
- **Friday Period 6** students will have a certificate assembly.
- After the first morning please arrange to meet your child at the school gate or away from the school site if you are dropping or collecting them. No cars will be allowed on the school grounds.



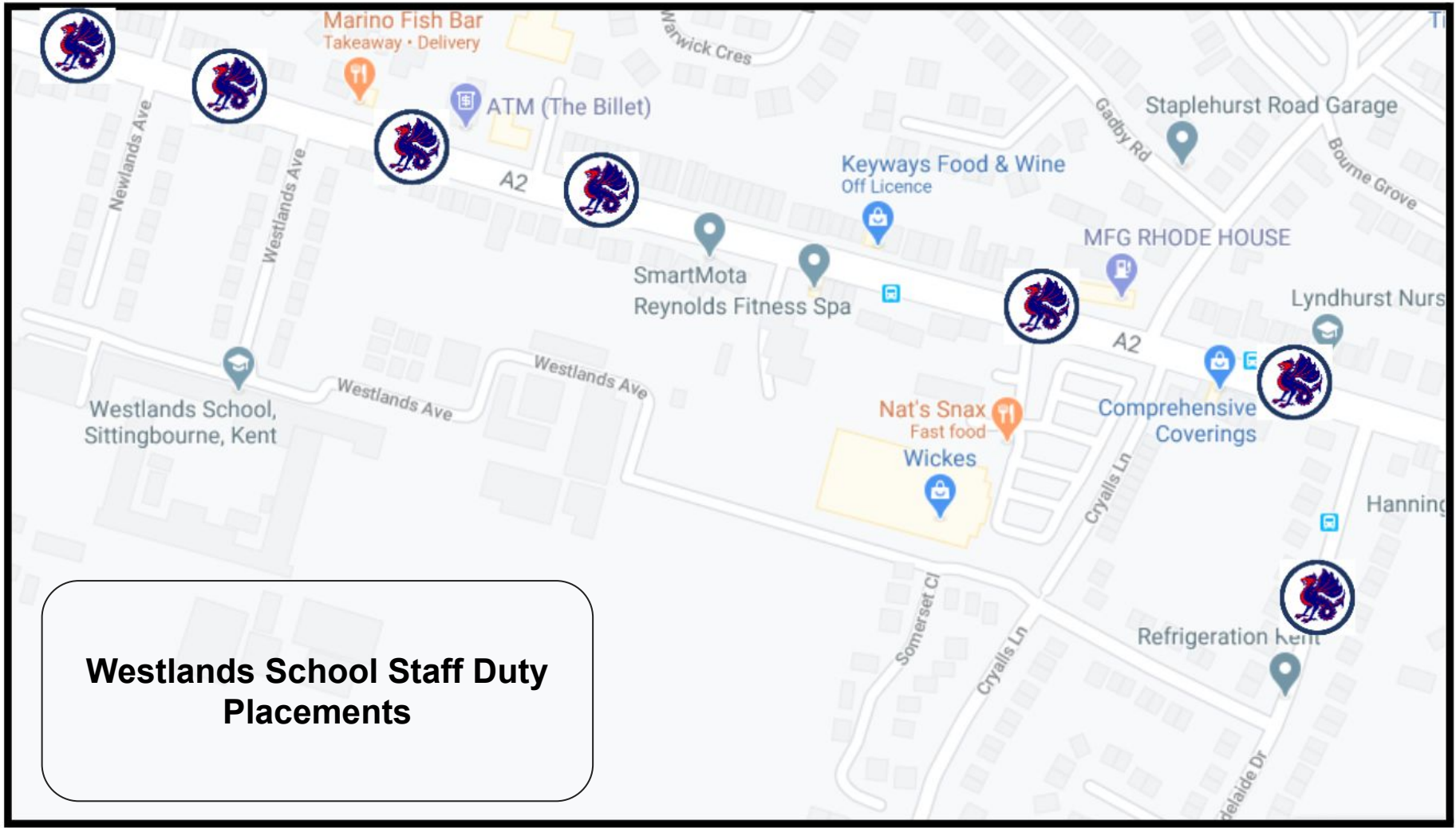
Year 7 Gate

Year 7 Playground

Please do not attempt to drive onto the school site or to drive into Westlands Avenue.

Getting to school and back.

- Practise the journey to school.
- Agree a routine for the mornings and after school.
- Make sure your child knows what time they are expected home and what to do if they are going to be late.
- Make sure your child has your contact phone numbers.
- Always get your child to pack their bag the night before.
- Change can lead to tiredness so make sure your child gets enough sleep.
- Breakfast is important and we have our own breakfast club.



Westlands School Staff Duty Placements

A secondary school bag.

From September all students at Westlands will be expected to take their school books home with them.

1. It encourages independence.
2. Offers opportunities for parents to view how their child is progressing.
3. Teaches them to be organised and responsible for their own learning.
4. Paper homework can be completed in their book.

Organising books and equipment.

- Have a copy of your child's timetable.
- Help your child organise their own space.
- Make sure your child comes to school every day with the correct equipment.
- Make sure you know what days your child needs their PE kit.
- Make sure you know what days your child needs their reading book.

What will their homework look like?

Pupils will be expected to complete homework that follows our homework timetable. This is the night we recommend the homework is completed.

- Get your child to do their homework shortly after they get home from school.
- Work with your child to plan their homework and social time.
- Don't let your child struggle for hours on one piece of homework.

What can you do as parents to help your child at secondary school?

The Education Endowment Foundation states: 'as children get older, parental encouragement for, and interest in, their children's learning are more important than direct involvement'.

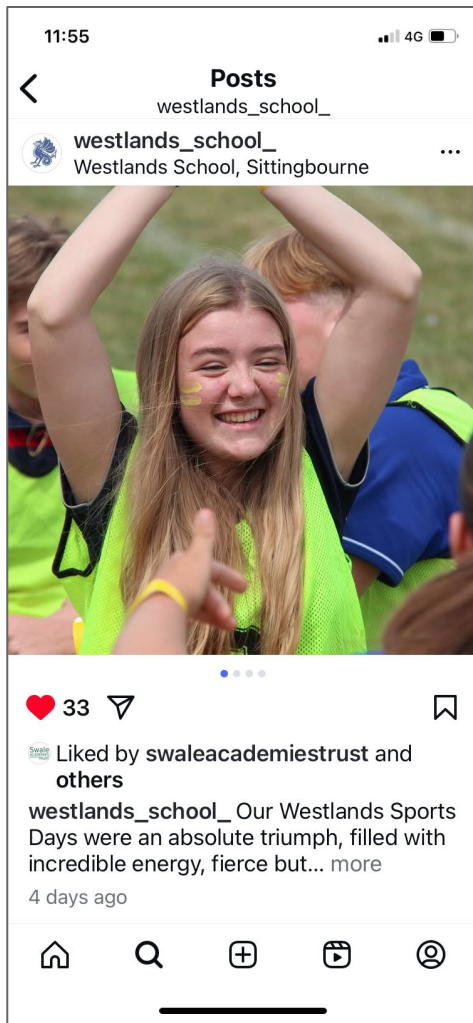
- Make sure they attend school everyday.
- Encourage and support your child to organise themselves and be more independent.
- Ensure they get enough rest and sleep.
- It's a fine balance between doing too much or too little for them. Never do anything regularly for your child that they are capable of doing for themselves.
- **Contact us if you have any questions!**

How to find information?

We communicate with our parents electronically. Please make sure we have your correct email address.

You can find out information via:

- The emails we sent out.
- wss-newyear7parents@swale.at
- Our website:
<https://www.westlands.org.uk/>
- Emailing staff directly.
- Phoning the school: 01795 477475.



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