

Preparation for Year 7 Parent and Carer Workshop



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**What are you already doing to prepare
your child for the move to secondary
school?**



FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE

If you would have your son walk honourably through the world, you must not attempt to clear the stones from his path, but teach him to walk firmly over them, not insist upon leading him by the hand, but let him learn to go alone.

Anne Bronte



Time
Money
Travel
Organisation
Self regulation

There are lots of ways you can support your child in getting ready for secondary school....

- Have a good routine for homework in place with a place to study at home – your child will get more homework in Year 7 so good habits now will pay off.
- Your child should practise the journey to school so you feel confident – walk the route or take the bus, work out who they will travel with.
- Can they tell the time? Punctuality is important. A watch is a good idea as your child won't be allowed to use their phone in the school building at Tapton.
- Your child could carry a rucksack to Primary School. They will be travelling around the school as lessons will be taught in different classrooms.
- Being responsible for their own school equipment is important. At Tapton we encourage students to use a planner, to have a pencil case with ruler, rubber, pencil. We write in black pens only.
- How else could your child become more independent and take responsibility? For example, they could keep a calendar for what's coming up this year, pack their own bags for school or upcoming holidays

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Valuing Everyone
Caring for Each Other
Achieving Excellence

Discussion:
**What are
you
struggling
with?**

Are you struggling with any of these with your child?

- Social media
- Mobile phones
- Differing expectations/boundaries of other parents
- Friendships
- Getting them to take more responsibility
- Homework routines



Things we have experienced

We see the same things come up each year...

- Vapes – starts earlier than you think
- Screen time – impact on learning and engagement in school
- The dangers of WhatsApp groups or Snap chat/tiktok
- Being in the same form isn't the most important thing



Thing to consider

Some ideas to take away...

- Strict screen time habits and routines
- Close monitoring of how they communicate on social media – limit to family in first instance?
- Letting your child walk to and from school if possible
- Getting them to pack their bag or make their packed lunch
- Giving them an allowance – use of own bank card with tasks attached e.g. Go Henry
- Giving them strategies to manage their worries about SATs or Transition to Secondary.

