

Bromsgrove
First to Middle School Transition Offer
Parent Version



The transition process in Bromsgrove between first and middle school has been used as a model of outstanding practice for other three tier systems across the country.

Aims:

For all year 4 pupils to settle quickly into their nominated Bromsgrove middle school. For pupils to feel safe and happy; for parents to feel informed and part of the transition process.

Offer:

All middle schools in Bromsgrove offer the following, with the support of the first schools, to help fulfil the aim of first to middle school transition in Bromsgrove.

1. **Admissions:** A section on the school websites is dedicated to prospective parents, guiding them to useful information when choosing a school for their child. This includes admission information. This will be updated by each school in the Autumn term.
2. **Open Mornings:** Parents can book onto a tour of the school in Autumn 2. This allows parents to see a working middle school, find out relevant information and ask questions.
3. **Transition Events:** Parkside will host two events (music and sport) throughout the year to give year 4 pupils 'an experience of middle school'. Please note: your child may attend the event in a middle that is different to the one they are given a place at.
4. **Data and Information Exchange:** First and Middle schools will work collaboratively. Information will be shared on attainment, pastoral needs, SEND, CLA, safeguarding and pupils that need additional support emotionally. Any feeder schools out of Bromsgrove will be contacted.
5. **July Visit:** All pupils will have the opportunity to join in a middle school learning experience in July.
6. **Question and Answer session:** All pupils in main feeder schools will receive a live or virtual Q and A session with a member of staff from Parkside. For smaller cohorts, a FAQ is available on our school website.

7. **Vulnerable Pupils:** these pupils will be offered additional transition by Parkside to support their needs. (Vulnerable pupils: anxiety, trauma, SEND, CLA)
8. **Moving On Booklet:** All year 4 pupils will be asked to complete the first part of the 'Moving On' booklet at their first school. This booklet is consistent across the town. These are completed at their middle schools in September as part of the induction day.
9. **Website:** From Easter Parkside will gradually add extra information to support the transition process. This is particularly useful for parents to look at with their children, so they feel part of the process and for those pupils coming from smaller cohorts. This includes a school tour, information video from the Head of Year 5/transition co-ordinator, frequently asked questions and meet the teacher videos.
10. **New Parents' Induction Event/Evening:** All parents will be given the opportunity to attend an induction evening/event at Parkside in Summer 2.
11. **Year 5 Classes:** Pupils and parents will be informed of their child's year 5 class in Summer 2.
12. **Induction Day:** All pupils will have a chance to induct into Parkside as the only year group in the building. This is very important, due to the size of the Bromsgrove school (600 pupils +). This will allow them to feel safe, happy and settle and acclimatise quickly to their new environment. It will also allow parents/carers to drop their children off and watch them into the school, something that is not easily possible when all year groups are in attendance. This will take place at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Please note that how the different middle schools achieve the transition offer may vary slightly due to logistics and intake numbers from each first school. Some middle schools have up to 20 feeder schools in some years.