



Reigate School Transition Guide





"I have absolutely loved every minute of Reigate School and I am so grateful for all the incredible teachers I have had, the amazing friends I have made and all of the experiences I have had along the way. Coming into a new school in Year 7 was quite daunting at first, but everyone at Reigate School was so welcoming and friendly, making it super easy to settle in. The thing I have most loved about Reigate School is how friendly everyone is, which has allowed me to create so many connections with both students and teachers and build so many amazing memories that will last forever."

— Orla (Head Student Y11)

"I found my time at Reigate school filled with happy moments and experiences to build on. When I look back over the years, I realise how far I've come as a person. I thought making friends with people would be a struggle because I knew no one, yet everyone just accepted me as their friend so my worries were quickly dismissed. I will forever treasure the memories I made along the way and will remember the support I had. Reigate school, with no doubt, will be a positive experience for you too."

— Areez (Deputy Head Student Y11)

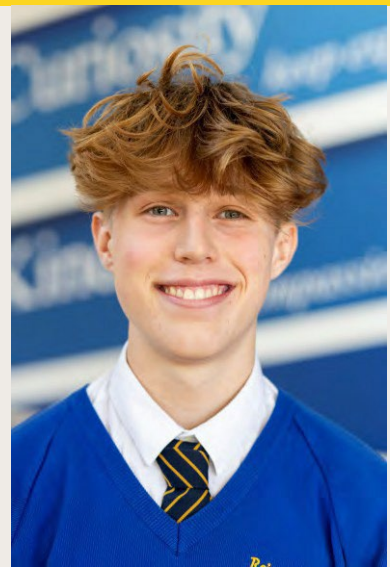


"When I started at Reigate School, I was absolutely terrified as I came from a small school so did not know many people. However, everyone was super friendly and the school were really encouraging and helpful in helping me settle in and find my feet in a big new school. I have loved every moment of being a Reigate student!"

— Jesse (Deputy Head Student Y11)

"Since being at Reigate School the best feeling has been the sense of family and community within the school, everyone feels to be a part of one big team working towards the same goal – and the teachers are brilliant at developing us academically, socially and personally, so that we leave the school as the best versions of ourselves."

— Robert (Deputy Head Student Y11)





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Welcome to Reigate School

Welcome to an exciting new chapter in your educational journey. As you step into Year 7 at Reigate School, you embark on a thrilling adventure filled with new experiences, challenges, and opportunities for growth. This transition booklet serves as your guide to navigating this pivotal year, ensuring a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

This booklet has been carefully compiled to provide you with essential information, tips, and resources to help you thrive in Year 7. It includes information on what subjects you will be studying, a bit about school life at Reigate and the support and opportunities available to you .

Year 7 marks the beginning of an exciting and transformative journey. Embrace the challenges, cherish the memories, and seize every opportunity to learn and grow. Remember, you are not alone —your teachers, peers, and support staff are here to guide and support you every step of the way.



As you turn the pages of this booklet, we encourage you to approach Year 7 with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to embrace new experiences. Your secondary school years will be some of the most memorable and formative of your life, and we are thrilled to be part of your journey.

Wishing you a fantastic Year 7 filled with learning, laughter, and endless possibilities!

Welcome from the Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Reigate School. Our school values of Respect, Curiosity, Resilience, Friendship and Kindness are embedded into our daily practices. Our expectation is that these values are followed by every child who joins the school. The staff are relentless in their pursuit in providing you with the best education possible, offering you a broad and balanced curriculum with depth and challenge in all curriculum areas.

In joining us you will be supported in helping you to develop into confident young adults with a set of skills and abilities that enable you to make lasting friendships, appreciate diversity in others and ably compete in a global work environment.

Mr Alexander

Headteacher



Pastoral Team

Meet the Team

The wellbeing and pastoral care of all our children is of the utmost importance to us at Reigate School. Ensuring our children and staff, are safe and happy underpins all that we do within our school community. Our five-year curriculum and wider extracurricular program are designed to support the development of our children both academically and socially.

We have a significant team of non-teaching staff that are dedicated to supporting our children and their pastoral needs. This team includes two full time pastoral assistants and an inclusion support manager, our Student Services team and a wide range of specialists in our Special Educational Needs team. These professionals are on hand each and every day to offer support, help and guidance for our children across a whole range of areas.

Year 7 Pastoral Team Structure

One of the things that makes Reigate School so special is the way we introduce you to secondary school. Right from the start you will be placed into a small form group of approximately 15 children. You also have your very own pastoral support team and a range of non-teachers that are there to help and support you each day, including our Student Services team (who can help you when you forget what lesson you have), our pastoral support staff Mrs Brathwaite and Mrs Bate (who can help you with almost anything!) and your form tutor (who you will see each morning).

Year 7 is split into three populations, this means your head of population will get to know you and you will feel part of the Reigate School family from the moment you join us.

Meet the Heads of Population



R Band
Mr Collins

Hello, I teach PE at Reigate School. Secondary school is a time filled with new experiences, challenges and opportunities for growth. As you embark on this next chapter, remember you are not alone – your teachers, classmates and support staff are here to support you every step of the way. Embrace the journey with an open mind, curiosity and enthusiasm and I am sure you will thrive at Reigate School.

Fun Fact: I have a phobia of tomato ketchup



S Band
Mr Cox

Hello, I teach English at Reigate School. What I love most about being a Head of Population is getting to see just how enthusiastic the students are each and every day. It is your eagerness to learn, your willingness to jump right into secondary school life and your general positive personalities that make us happy to share this journey with you.

Fun Fact: My record for a Pizza Hut all you can eat buffet is 24 slices of pizza



T Band
Mrs Skinner

Hello, I teach Art, Textiles, Food and Hospitality and Catering. I love going into primary schools and meeting all of our future students. I most look forward to the first day in September, seeing everyone look so smart and feeling proud to wear their new Reigate School uniform. The best bit about that day is looking around the room and knowing that one of these people could become your life long best friend.

Fun Fact: Many many years ago, I camped on the forest floor of the Sierra Nevada mountains for three months.

Reigate Values

The Reigate School Values underpin school life and are the core characteristics that support our children in developing their character within the school. These values were voted for by our school community of children, staff, parents and Governors.

Our values



KINDNESS



RESPECT



FRIENDSHIP



CURIOSITY



RESILIENCE

Children will be given opportunities to show these values in action and be rewarded for showing positive characteristics in school.

Behaviour For Learning

Our school behaviour expectations are simple. Children are expected to be **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** at all times. These expectations ensure that all of our children feel safe and happy within our community and are prepared to succeed each day.

READY to learn and participate in school life,

RESPECTFUL of the individual differences, opinions and values of other learners and adults in school, and

SAFE in their actions and behaviours towards others and themselves.

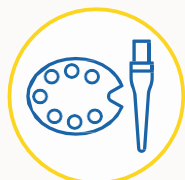
These three expectations drive everything we do at Reigate and help shape the positive culture we want to see for our young people.



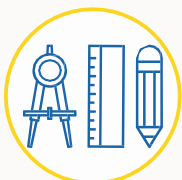
Curriculum



Our school curriculum is designed to inspire and challenge all of our children and prepare them for their future. Our aim is to teach a broad and balanced curriculum that equips children for further education and employment to become responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society and to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.



Art



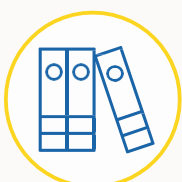
**Design
Technology**



Mathematics



Citizenship



English



Music



Computing



**Food and
Nutrition**



P



Dance



French



**Religious
Education**



Drama



Geography



Science



History



Spanish

Subjects from Year 9



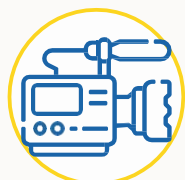
**Business
and
Enterprise**



**Health &
Social
Care**



**Sports
Studies**



**Creative
Media**



Sociology



Textiles

Reading

At Reigate School we LOVE reading, and see it as the key to unlocking the whole curriculum. Did you know that if you read for just 20 minutes a day that equates to roughly 1,800,000 words in a school year! We encourage all of our students in year 7 to engage in 20 minutes of reading each day – especially before bed-time as this is proven to support good quality sleep.

We have a fantastically resourced library with thousands of fiction and non-fiction texts. Children in Year 7 receive a library lesson once a fortnight. A whole hour is dedicated to encouraging your personal reading habit, where you will also have the opportunity to browse the collection, quietly read and take part in activities led by our librarian Mrs Knights.

We use the online programme Accelerated Reader as part of our reading programme here, so our library books have a reading guide number on the front covers and spine. Students complete a short reading test online when you join the school and you will then know what books will challenge you as well as teaching you new words and introducing you to all the wonders and joys that reading offers.

During form time, Year 7 will begin the tutor reading programme. Once a week, form tutors will begin the day by reading some fantastic novels and non-fiction pieces.



Here are some useful websites that can help Year 7 children with reading and choosing books:

1. **BookTrust:** BookTrust offers a wide range of resources to support children's reading, including book recommendations, author interviews, and reading tips. Their website also features booklists categorized by age and genre, making it easy for children to discover new books: booktrust.org.uk
2. **The Reading Agency:** The Reading Agency provides various reading resources and initiatives to promote reading for pleasure among children and young people. Their website offers book recommendations, reading challenges, and themed booklists suitable for different age groups: readingagency.org.uk
3. **LoveReading4Kids:** LoveReading4Kids is a comprehensive online platform that offers book reviews, recommendations, and extracts for children's books across different age ranges and genres. It also provides reading guides and themed booklists to inspire young readers: loveread4kids.co.uk
4. **School Reading List:** School Reading List curates recommended reading lists for different age groups, including Year 7 students. Their website offers lists of fiction and non-fiction books suitable for children aged 11–12, along with summaries and reviews: schoolreadinglist.co.uk

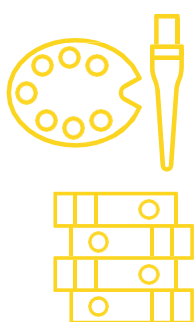


Mrs Williams
Head of English

Extracurricular

Transitioning to Year 7 marks a significant milestone in a young person's educational journey. It's a time of exploration, growth, and adjustment. While academic achievement is undoubtedly important, the rounded development of a child goes beyond the confines of the classroom. Alongside their lessons students will have access to a wide range of extracurricular activities that they can participate in.

These are some of the wide range of clubs on offer to Year 7 students at Reigate School:



Art Club
Badminton
Basketball
Book Club

Boxing
Chess Club
Choir
Dance Club

Football Team
Girls Football
Lego Fun Club
Macramé Club



Maths Games
Music Practice
Netball Team
Reigate Pride

School Show
Table Tennis
Table Top Games
Trampolining

Benefits of Extracurricular Activities

Enhancing Social Skills: Extracurricular activities provide an invaluable opportunity for Year 7 students to develop and refine their social skills. Whether it's joining a sports team, participating in drama club, or engaging in an enterprise project, these activities foster collaboration, teamwork, and communication. Through interactions with peers who share similar interests, students learn to navigate diverse social dynamics, build friendships, and develop empathy and respect for others.

Promoting Well-rounded Development: Extracurricular activities offer Year 7 students the chance to explore a diverse range of interests beyond the core curriculum. Engaging in activities such as music, art, chess, or computing clubs not only stimulates creativity and critical thinking but also encourages students to discover new passions and hobbies.



Building Confidence and Self-esteem: Participating in extracurricular activities allows Year 7 students to discover and nurture their unique talents and interests outside the academic realm. Whether it's excelling in sports, showcasing artistic abilities, or honing leadership skills as a House leader, these experiences contribute to a sense of accomplishment and pride. Successes and failures alike serve as valuable learning opportunities, helping students build resilience, self-confidence, and a positive self-image.



Creating Lasting Memories and Relationships: Extracurricular activities often provide Year 7 students with some of their most cherished memories and meaningful relationships. Whether it's bonding with teammates during a thrilling sports match, collaborating on a creative project with fellow artists, or volunteering together for a cause they're passionate about, these shared experiences forge bonds that can last a lifetime. Participating in extracurricular activities not only enriches students' educational experiences but also creates a sense of belonging within the school community.

The House System

The House system will be an important part of your time at Reigate School. It is a central part of school life and includes a wide range of events and activities throughout the year. Alongside sports activities and charity fundraising the House team run different events, starting with the Year 7 launch event in September and finishing with Sports Day at the end of the year. You will receive House points, by gaining achievement points and by taking part in House activities. A House trophy is awarded to the winning House at the end of the year. The House system gives all students the chance to showcase their talents and try new things.

Whether you're an ace footballer, a talented baker, a chess grandmaster, or a MarioKart expert, there are a huge range of fun activities for you to take part in!

Sorting

When you arrive in Year 7, you will be sorted into one of our four Houses – Parks, Curie, Attenborough and Turing. If you have siblings at the school, you'll be placed in the same house as them. You'll be given a House badge in your house colour to wear on your uniform and show your house pride! Getting involved in house events is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Being part of a House gives you a sense of belonging and community.

Leadership

Hopefully some of you will get involved in the house system as House Leaders. House leaders help run events throughout the year, and get the chance to pitch ideas and run their own events. You will meet your Heads of House throughout the year, to pitch ideas, organise events and plan assemblies. It is a great opportunity for you to get more involved in school life and develop your organisational and leadership skills.

House Team

As well as a student team that is in charge of organising and running events, there are also teachers that oversee the House System. They are the people to go and speak to about taking part in events.

School Values

The houses you're in will help you to display our Reigate School Values – Respect, Kindness, Curiosity, Resilience and Friendship. Whether it's showcasing your curiosity, by taking part in something new. Respect by helping run an event. Friendship by meeting new people at a house event. Kindness by helping organise a charity event. Resilience by giving something new a go. The House System will give you plenty of opportunities to live Reigate School's Values and be the best you can be!

Events

There are lots of different house events that take place throughout the year. The year kick-starts with a launch day, where you'll have the opportunity to have fun and win points for your house. In previous launch events, we have had giant obstacle courses, inflatable duelling, rope climbing, wrecking balls, giant darts and human hungry hippos. We also run a huge number of other events through the year, including; The Great Reigate School Bake Off, MarioKart, Tug of War, photography competition, designing cards and book marks, Readathon, talent show, Masterchef, dodgeball, public speaking, giant Jenga, creative writing, spelling bee and much more! Whatever you're in to, there will be an event you can take part in.



**Ms Claydon
Parks**



**Ms Harber
Curie**



**Mrs Corder
Turing**



**Mrs Crisfield
Attenborough**

Life Skills

PSHE Program

One vital aspect of your secondary school experience is Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education (PSHE).

PSHE encompasses a wide range of topics designed to help you navigate the complexities of adolescence, make informed decisions, and develop into confident, responsible individuals. Throughout your time in Reigate School, you will engage with various PSHE lessons and activities that will empower you to understand yourself and the world around you better. From understanding emotions and relationships to exploring issues related to health, wellbeing, and citizenship, PSHE will play a crucial role in shaping your personal growth and resilience.

We encourage you to approach PSHE with an open mind and a willingness to learn and reflect. By actively participating in PSHE lessons and activities, you will not only gain valuable knowledge but also develop essential life skills that will serve you well beyond your time in school.

All children study 'Life Skills' on their curriculum, which is our specialist PSHE Programme taught by dedicated staff. Across five years at Reigate School, children will make progress in three Life Skills themes: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, and Living in the Wider World. In Year 7, children will learn about healthy friendships, career aspirations, saving, first aid, budgeting, online safety, bullying and puberty – as well as much more. We look forward to welcoming your family along to one of our PSHE Parents Information Evenings, where you can discover more about our curriculum.



Mr Bowdery
Head of Student
Personal Development



The Reigate School Day

Excellent attendance and punctuality is expected for all students and recognised through the rewards system. We operate a two-week timetable at Reigate School.

The expectation is 100% attendance

Children must arrive by **8.40am** each day

Tutor time begins at **8.45am** promptly

One of the main differences between primary and secondary school is the number of teachers that children meet during the school day. Children will move from lesson to lesson and be taught by up to five different teachers every day.

8.45 – 9.05	Tutor time/Assemblies
9.05 – 10.05	Period 1
10.05 – 11.05	Period 2
11.05 – 11.25	<i>Break time</i>
11.25 – 12.25	Period 3
12.25 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Period 4
14.00 – 15.00	Period 5



Food

Eating for a healthy body and a healthy mind

At Reigate School we aim to fuse healthy and balanced nutrition with high street style dining, offering our children a wide variety of tasty choices throughout the day.

We also provide safe access to quality food, cashless payment, easy top-up and irresistible choices for any needs. The canteen and the Pitstop is open at break and at lunch.

We appreciate that a balanced and nutritious diet is key to a successful and healthy future.

Understanding the importance of food and maintaining a healthy diet is crucial for Year 7 children as they embark on their educational journey. A nutritious diet provides the essential nutrients and energy needed to support their physical growth, cognitive development, and overall well-being. By fuelling their bodies with a balanced combination of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and dairy products, children can optimise their concentration, focus, and academic performance.

Additionally, instilling healthy eating habits from a young age sets the foundation for lifelong wellness, reducing the risk of chronic diseases and promoting optimal health into adulthood. Encouraging Year 7 children to make nutritious food choices and prioritise regular mealtimes not only supports their physical health but also fosters a positive relationship with food, empowering them to make informed decisions about their dietary habits and lifestyle.

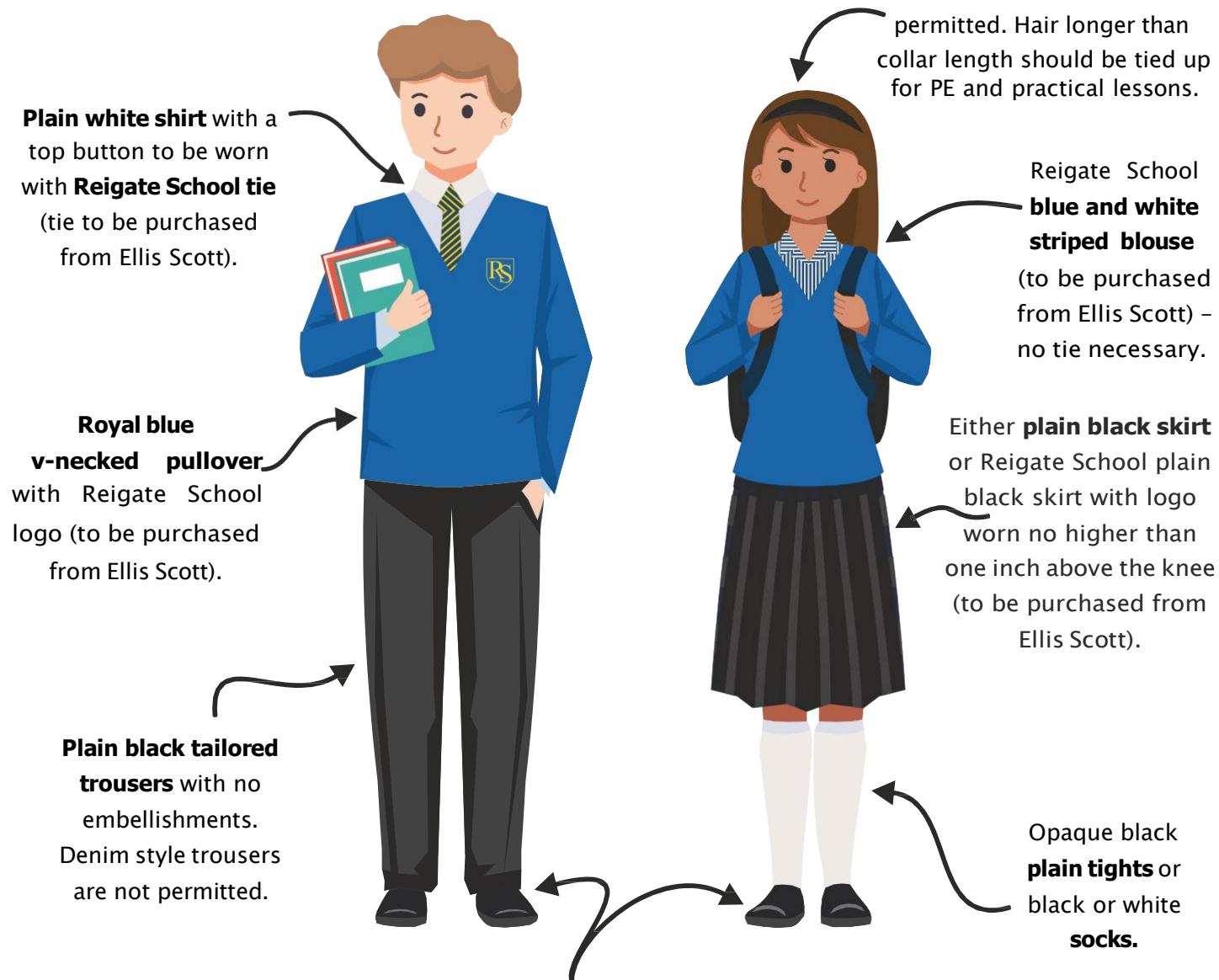


Uniform

School uniform expectations

Uniform supplier www.ellisscott.co.uk

Our uniform is not gender specific,
students can choose either option



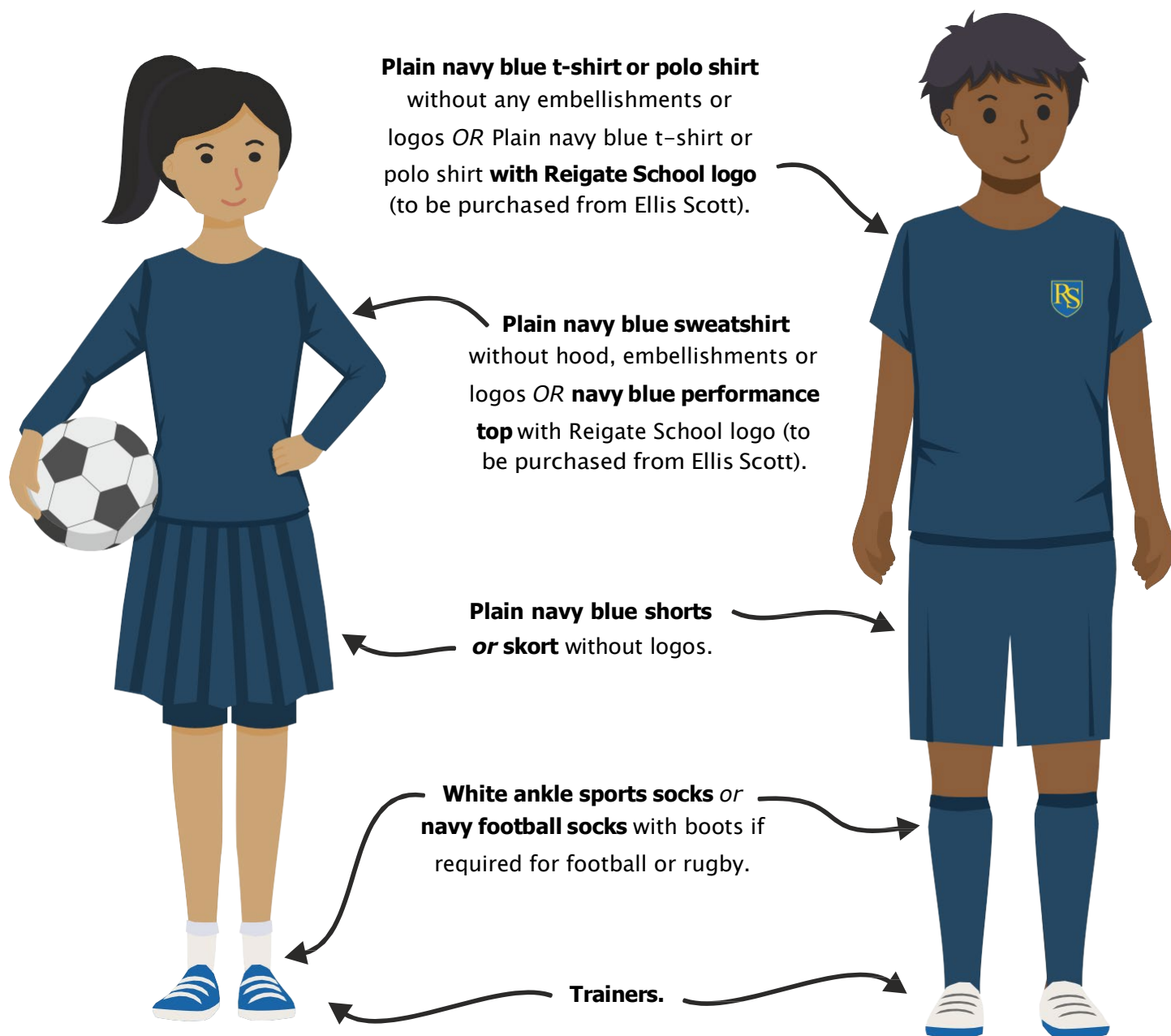
Sensible plain black, flat-heeled shoes, which can be polished. Lace up shoes must have plain black laces, no other colour must be visible, no logos. 'Van' style footwear, trainers, boots, sandals, sling-backs and open-toed shoes are not permitted. For examples of acceptable footwear, please refer to the school website under the heading School Information and Uniform.



PE Uniform

PE Kit

Uniform supplier www.ellisscott.co.uk



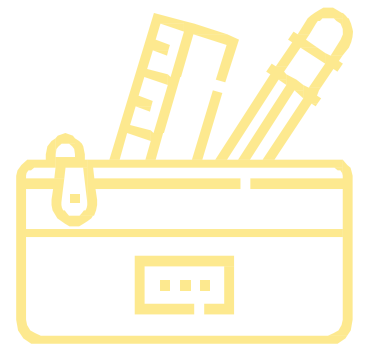
OPTIONAL EXTRA ITEMS

Plain navy blue jogging bottoms without logos.

Plain navy blue leggings with Reigate School logo (to be purchased from Ellis Scott)

Football boots.










Equipment for Learning



In order for children to become independent learners, who take responsibility for their progress and development, we require all children to come to school each day with an appropriate school bag. They must also ensure the following list of equipment is brought into school each day:

EQUIPMENT LIST

Pencil case containing:

	Black or blue pens		Coloured pencils
	HB pencil		Protractor
	Ruler		Pair of compasses
	Eraser		Scientific calculator
	Pencil sharpener		

Please note this is not an exhaustive list, specialist equipment may be required within particular subjects. This will be communicated via class teachers accordingly.

You will also need a PE bag large enough to hold full PE kit and appropriate footwear.

School lockers are available to children should they like to have one.

Children are advised to use these to store belongings rather than carry everything around with them all day.

Top tips for staying organised

1. Use a Planner or Diary: Use a planner or diary to jot down homework assignments, project due dates, and extracurricular activities. Writing down tasks and deadlines will help you stay on top of your responsibilities and manage your time effectively.

2. Create a Homework Routine: Establishing a consistent homework routine can help you develop good study habits and stay organised. Designate a specific time and place for homework each day, minimising distractions and creating a conducive environment for concentration.

3. Organise Your Resources: Keep your bag organised and clear out anything that is not needed in there. Use folders and dividers to separate subjects and keep track of notes, handouts, and assignments. Having a tidy workspace makes it easier to find materials when needed. Keep your digital files organised into folders too.

4. Plan Ahead: Plan ahead by noting upcoming assignments and assessments. Breaking down larger tasks into smaller, manageable steps and scheduling study sessions in advance can help reduce stress and keep you feeling happy.

5. Seek Support: Remember that it's okay to ask for help when needed. Whether it's from teachers, parents/carers, or friends, seeking support can provide valuable assistance and guidance in staying organised and managing workload effectively.

By following these tips in Year 7 you can develop essential organisational skills that will support your academic success and overall well-being throughout the school year and beyond.

Home Learning

Incorporating homework into the educational experience of Year 7 children serves multiple important purposes, each contributing to their academic growth and development.

Upon joining Reigate children will be set regular homework to support their progress across all subjects. Homework will be recorded on the Show My Homework App which children and parents will have access to. Homework will consist of a range of activities including utilising online platforms such as Sparx Maths.

Whether you need extra help, support or just a quiet place to complete your homework, Homework Club is available each day to our Year 7 students. Our dedicated staff members will be on hand to assist with any questions or challenges you may encounter while working on assignments. Additionally, Homework Club offers access to IT resources, including computers and printers, to support your learning needs.

Here are several key reasons why homework is important for Year 7 children:

- 1. Reinforcement of Learning:** Homework provides an opportunity for children to reinforce what they've learned in class. It allows you to practice and apply newly acquired knowledge and skills, helping to solidify concepts and deepen your understanding of the material.
- 2. Independent Learning:** Completing homework assignments encourages Year 7 children to become more independent learners. It requires you to take responsibility for your own education by managing your time effectively, setting goals, and problem-solving on your own.
- 3. Preparation for Assessments:** Homework assignments often serve as valuable preparation for assessments such as quizzes, tests, and exams. By practicing problems, reviewing notes, and completing practice exercises at home, you can better prepare yourself for upcoming assessments and perform to the best of your abilities.
- 4. Extension of Classroom Learning:** Homework assignments extend learning beyond the confines of the classroom, allowing children to delve deeper into topics of interest or explore related concepts independently. This enrichment fosters curiosity and encourages a lifelong love of learning.
- 5. Feedback and Reflection:** Homework provides teachers with insight into children's understanding of the material and allows them to provide timely feedback on areas where children may need additional support. It also encourages you to reflect on your own learning and identify areas for improvement.



Staying Safe Online

Your Guide to eSafety in Year 7

At Reigate School the safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. Together with providing exceptional pastoral care, we are proactive in ensuring all children have the information and knowledge to keep themselves safe at school and online and that they know how to communicate any concerns they have personally or about others. All staff and children are aware of which members of staff make up the Safeguarding team and know the procedures in place to raise any concerns.

In today's digital age, technology plays a significant role in our lives, offering endless opportunities for learning, communication, and entertainment. While the internet provides many benefits, it's essential to be aware of potential risks and challenges, especially when navigating online spaces.

eSafety, or electronic safety, is all about staying safe and being responsible while using technology, particularly the internet and digital devices. As you transition into Year 7 and begin to explore new online platforms and digital tools, it's crucial to understand how to protect yourself and others in the online world. By equipping yourself with knowledge and strategies for staying safe online, you'll be empowered to make smart choices and navigate the digital landscape with confidence.



Remember, eSafety isn't just about avoiding dangers—it's also about embracing the opportunities that technology offers while being mindful of your digital well-being. Here are some tips to help you stay safe online.

Surfing the Web Safely:

The ideal place at home for an internet-connected laptop, tablet or desktop is in a communal area such as a family room where there will be some level of supervision. Smartphones and other internet-connected devices should not be left in bedrooms overnight, when their unsupervised use can lead to problems.

Digital Footprint:

Every time you go online, you leave a trail of information about yourself and your activity. This contributes to your overall online reputation and becomes your Digital Footprint! When this information is positive it is great, but when it's not it can be an issue.

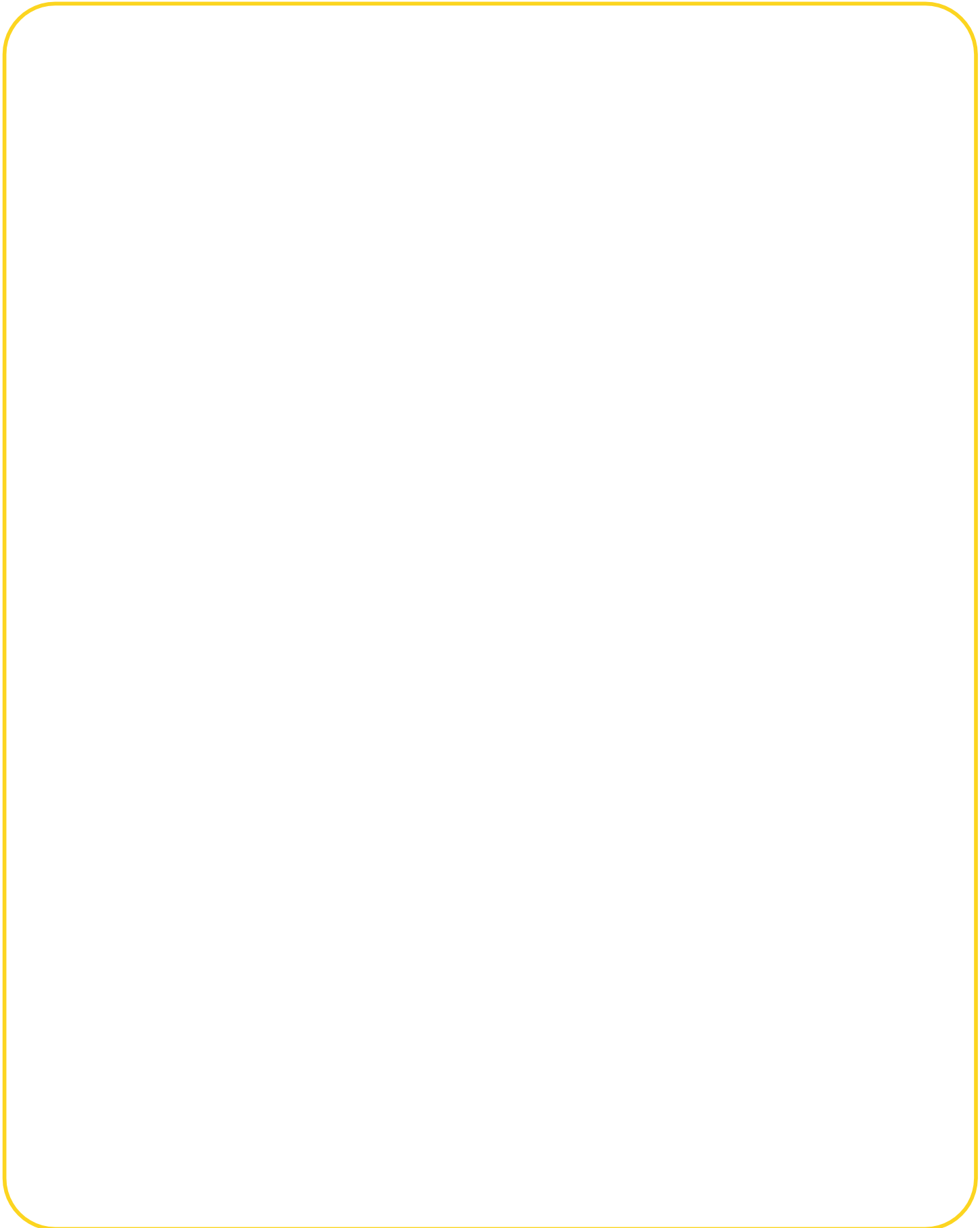
Before sharing content using social media, messaging, texting etc. you should think of the following:

- Would you feel comfortable if this was hung on a billboard in the middle of town for all to see with your name on it?
- Does the message take into account others feelings? How would you feel if this was about you?
- Would you want this information linked to your name when you start college/university/work? Could it affect you having the career they want?

For more information on how to stay safe online we recommend visiting the NSPCC website:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Helpful Notes





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