

A guide to Kesgrave high school for year 6 students starting Kesgrave.

By T7

At KHS you will you never worry about forgetting what lessons you have and where these are. This is because of your planner which is in your diary. It tells you, on a two-week cycle, what you have. So if in doubt just check your planner (There is also a handy map in there to in case you forget where to go).

Times of your school day

9.00 – 9.05	REGISTRATION
9.05 – 9.30	FORM
9.30 – 11.00	PERIOD 1
11.00 – 11.20	BREAK
11.20 – 12.55	PERIOD 2
12.55 – 1.55	LUNCH
2.00 – 3.35	PERIOD 3

PSHEE

9.00 – 9.05	REGISTRATION
9.05 – 10.00	PSHEE
10.00 – 11.20	LESSON 1
11.20 – 11.40	BREAK
11.40 – 12.55	PERIOD 2
12.55 – 1.55	LUNCH
2.00 – 3.35	PERIOD 3

Getting organised – your pencil case.

You will need:

, A ruler

, A glue stick

, A black biro pen

, A green biro pen

, A pencil

, A rubber

, A sharpener

, A highlighter

, A protractor

, And: a few colouring pencils, a compass, (for drawing circles) a calculator, a note pad

YOUR LOCKER (PADLOCK)

IN KHS YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LOCKER TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTIES
IN. TO KEEP THIS SAFE YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR OWN PADLOCK SO NO ONE
COULD SNEAK PEAK INSIDE YOUR LOCKER!

Becoming organised

Here are some tips to keep organised for school:



- pack your school bag the day before [so you are ready in the morning]
- keep your locker tidy [so you know where things are]
- get a pencil case with everything you need [so you don't get any equipment marks]
- print off a timetable [so you don't get mixed up]
- do homework on time [it sounds silly but if you get it done it makes school a lot easier]

Remember to enjoy your lessons.

How to manage your homework

1. You need to make sure you give in the homework at the right deadline (the one that the teacher set). All homework is set on Firefly.
2. spell words correctly
3. do it by yourself
4. have a look through what homework needs to be done and be organised
5. try to do your best.
6. get it done on the week days
7. If you need help, ask the teacher for help
8. make sure it's well punctuated

Firefly And Homework

Homework:

At Kesgrave High School you will get homework. Its nothing to panic about, because I'm going to explain how you get it and when you will roughly get it. If you do get given Homework you can write it in your planner on the day and week you're on, so you don't forget. The teachers set homework quite often but not every single lesson because if you had, for example, German twice in one week with the same teacher then it can get quite complicated and confusing for when they are due in. You don't have to do your Homework at home because if you're lucky enough to have computers in your form room then you can ask your teachers if you can use them to complete homework. If you don't have computers though then you can use the library which is open every lunch and break apart from Thursday lunch time.

Firefly:

At Kesgrave High School we have a site for homework called Firefly. Everyone in the school uses it (staff, students and parents). The teachers use it to set homework, but they can also use it to set tasks for lessons on the computer. It's very easy to login to Firefly you have 18 the start of your name then your surname and then @kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk then you will create your password. On Firefly you can view all your homework and tasks. It also shows your positive referrals and house points, but it also shows negative points as well. Parents can log in too to check your homework, reports, attendance and behaviour points and parents have their own Firefly app!

What to do at lunch or break?

- At break and lunch, you can go to your form rooms. Keep it neat and tidy and put all rubbish in the bin, if you fail to look after your space you will lose the privilege of using it.
- You can go to the canteen to eat your lunch.
- You can also sit outside on the benches or on your designated field.

School Canteen (fingerprinting)

Here at Kesgrave High School, we have a unique system of organisation at our canteen.

Instead of paying with money, Kesgrave has a way of allowing you to put money onto your 'account' in order to pay that way. Whenever you purchase something, you will be asked to place your finger onto the scanner. It will recognise your finger print and take off the money from your account.

You have the opportunity to top up your account anytime you need. Your parents can log on to your account and see how much money you have been spending and what you're spending it on!

This system makes it much easier for our staff (and you) when using the canteen at this school.

What about if you are unwell?

- Tell your teachers
- There's numerous of water fountains have a drink it may help.
- You will have friends they are with you they might make you feel better.
- If you're not feeling 100% We have a medical room with ladies that can help you or send you home so, don't feel afraid of being ill at KHS we can help!
- Pop outside for fresh air
- Report to the medical room

Your form group

Your form group are the people who you will be with the rest of your time at KHS. They will be in all your classes apart from technology and maths but you will still probably have someone from your form in those classes. You also have form time at the start of the day and a form quiz, enrichment and PSHEE. Enrichment is when you go around different teachers and class rooms and do different activities. The form quiz is where there is a quiz about the news and the score that your form group get gets added towards your house score. PSHEE (Personal, Social and Health Education) is where you learn about the world around you and growing up.

The House System

Everyone one is based in a house. This is normally based on the form group you are in. You can earn house points. To get a house point you need to try really hard in lessons and your teacher will then put one on the system for you.

The five houses are – Bader, Nuffield, Hilary, Royal and Keller.

As well as house points there will be sporting challenges like dodgeball, rounders and football. Sports day is the biggest day in the whole year when all the school is out on the field all day taking part in all kinds of challenges. As well as sports events there will be fun house challenges through the year.

Making Friends



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GUIDE TO MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Making friends might seem scary but it is definitely not. I bet you will love every single bit about Kesgrave High School. This is a guide that will help you to make friends.

Be yourself

The most important point is to be yourself. Don't pretend to be someone else. Don't change for other people. If they do not like you for who you are they are not true friends.

Be confident

Don't be afraid of making new friends everyone are probably feeling the same as you.

Find out if you have shared interests

Ask them what subjects they like and what hobbies they do. You could both like the same and you can make conversations.

There is nothing to worry about moving to yr7 just be yourself and have loads of fun.

Social Media

Everyone is excited about getting a phone and using social media. The best advice here is be aware of your value for who you are not for your friends list. Stay away from social media (There are under age limits where you are not supposed to have accounts). You won't be able to use your phone in school but you shouldn't be posting things about people you know from school either.

Be confident in who you are and the real friends you make at school. You don't have to constantly photograph yourself to validate who you are or who likes you. Be aware that if you do post pictures of yourself there is a whole world out there who can see them and miss-use them.

Don't say things about anyone else online. It's a simple guideline but it will keep you and other people safe.

Bullying at KHS does it happen and if it does what to do.

In KHS it is a rare occasion to feel like you are being treated badly. If you feel this way you should either go to your form tutor or head of year as these people will sort the problem out immediately and deal with it harshly as KHS does not tolerate bullies.

In conclusion you will not be bullied at KHS.

Clubs you can join for year 6s

You can join many different clubs, such as: Netball, boys and girls football and athletics club after school, and many more. These clubs are fun, joyful and exciting. They make you feel more confident coming up to High School and maybe easier to make new friends. These clubs help you to try new things, and discover what you like.

BEING INDEPENDENT:

This is my guide to the yr6s taking that big step coming up to high school. Being more independent is something that will take a while to sink in but when it does it's a brilliant and crucial experience in life. When you go up to high school some of the things you will have to do independently is, walking home from school, managing your homework, bringing in your books, managing your money on your account by not spending over the amount you have and many other things. You may find being independent hard at first as it's a big step from the amount of independence you get in primary school. I hope that this guide helped make coming up to Kesgrave High school a lot easier.

The Best Bits of KHS

Kesgrave High school is an amazing school all round but there are definitely bits that stand out. Here are some of them:

- Activities week is an amazing experience for year 7, 8 and 9. You get a week of fun activities and the choice is yours!
- Secondly, is all the social events you get to spend with the rest of Year. You have the discos, Play 2 Day and more!

You get so many experiences at KHS. You'll love it!

