



WELCOME TO SECONDARY SCHOOL PACK!



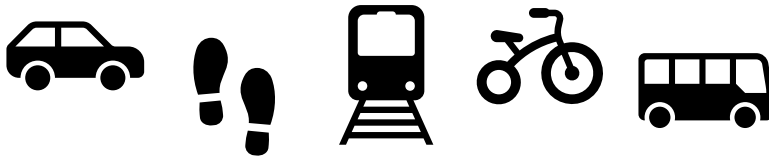
**Children's needs
are changing.
So are we.**

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What is the name of my new school?

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How will I get to school?



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Sometimes you might be able to walk to school, or you might need to get a bus.

What do I wear at school?

Schools in the United Kingdom often have school uniform. These are matching clothes such as shirt, trousers, or a skirt that you wear during class time. For Physical Education (PE) you often get changed into a PE kit. This means it is more comfortable to run, jump and do other sports.



What is my school's uniform?

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Other equipment

In secondary school you will need to bring other equipment, carried in a bag such as a rucksack. Every school has their own list, so check what you need on your school's website. They may also provide you with your own note/ writing books – you can find out when you visit or when you start.



Things you might need to bring...	Add some of your own items to the list...
<input type="checkbox"/> pencil case	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> pens	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> pencils, including coloured pencils	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> eraser	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ruler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> protractor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> highlighters	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> scientific calculator	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> reading book	<input type="checkbox"/>

What other school things might I be wondering about?

Complete the following boxes:



What time does school start?

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What time does school finish?

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Are there any days where the start or finish times are different?

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When are the breaks and lunchtimes?

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Do I bring my own meals or is lunch provided?



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Do I have a map of the school and my timetable?

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What school rules and code of conduct should I know about?

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What is the name of my Headteacher and my tutor?

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What day(s) do I have PE?

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Are there any other special activities that run during the week at school?

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What after school activities would I like to join?

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Do I have a key adult who I can go to if I have any questions?

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What are the names of some students who can help me find my way around and settle in?

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About you

1. The subjects I learnt in Ukraine

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2. At school, I was good at

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3. Things I enjoy in school

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4. Things I enjoy out of school

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5. An adult in the UK I can talk to about my new school

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6. Some questions I have about my new school

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7. Things I would like to tell my teacher about myself

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8. Questions I would like to ask my teacher

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9. Things I would like to know about my teachers or about other pupils in the school

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10. Things I would like to know about the subjects I am studying

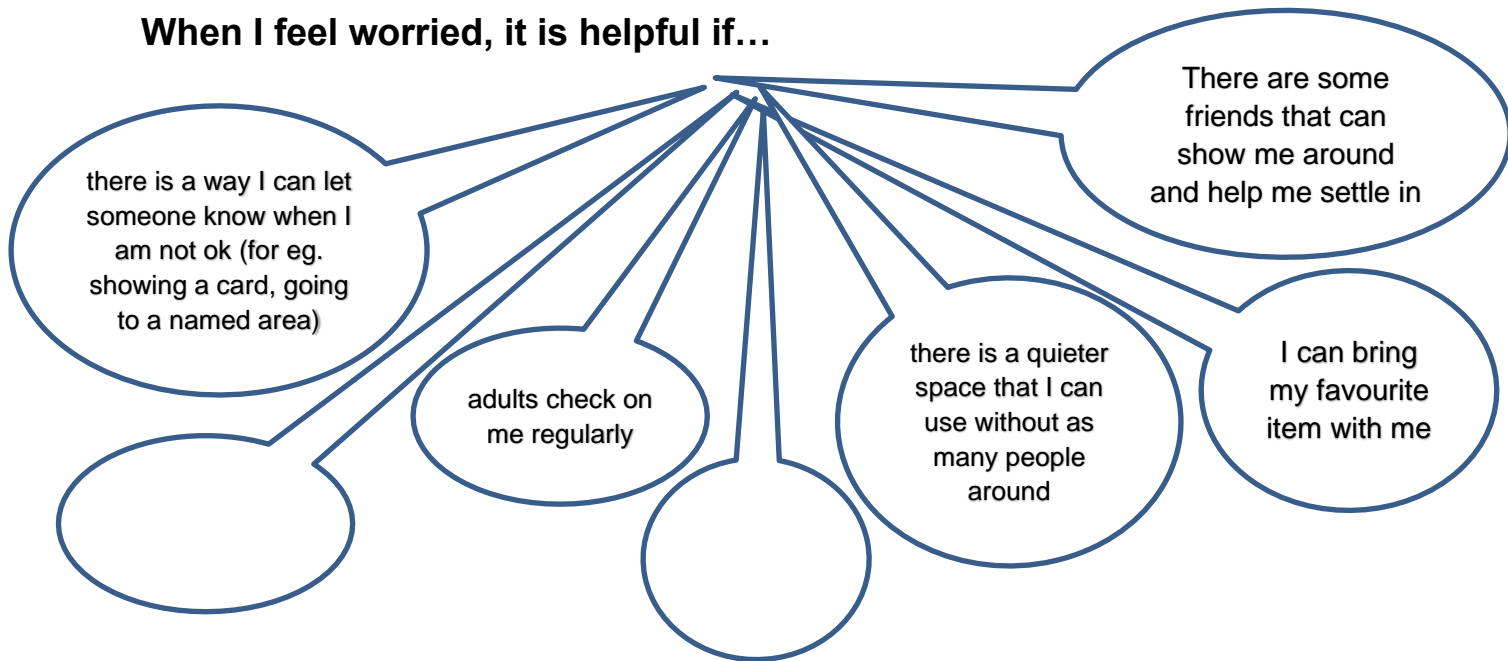
How am I feeling about school?

You may have lots of different feelings about going to a new school, particularly as you have not been in the UK for very long and don't yet know lots of English yet. You might find that one moment you are really excited, the next you are nervous or worried and the next moment you feel sad because you miss your old school and your friends at home. Try not to worry too much about having such a mixture of feelings and know that your teacher and school will support you with settling in and feeling at home.

At the moment, I feel...

- excited
- nervous
- scared
- confused
- mixed emotions

When I feel worried, it is helpful if...



In the UK, it is fine to talk to your teacher and to your friends about how you are feeling and what you need to help you settle in and feel comfortable. You can also ask any questions about things you don't understand and if at first you feel shy, write these down and give to your teacher.

SECONDARY SCHOOL similarities and differences

The table below shows the similarities and differences between secondary schools in the Ukraine and the UK.

In the Ukraine	In the UK
I mainly listened to the teacher and did my work on my own, including lots of memorising of facts	Sometimes there is group/paired work as well as listening to the teacher talking, there is less emphasis on memorising and you will be encouraged to work out and explain your ideas
I had different teachers for different subjects	It is the same, different teachers for different subjects
In class there was only one adult (the teacher)	There can often be more than one adult in the classroom to help pupils learn. Sometimes an adult helper will work with a small group of pupils on a particular subject like reading, maths or learning English grammar
Students must put their hand up if they had a question and only talk in class when asked a question	Teachers will ask pupils for their ideas and contributions – be brave and speak up because you will have good ideas too! You may be asked to say something even if your hand is not up

<p>In my class pupils usually spoke the same languages as me at school and home.</p>	<p>There may be many different languages spoken by pupils in your class, especially at home</p> <p>Your school will include pupils from lots of different backgrounds and countries – we respect everyone, admire those who speak more than one language and appreciate how much we can learn from each other!</p>
<p>There are 4 ‘semesters’ in Ukrainian schools with a 3 month summer ‘vacation’</p>	<p>In the UK, there are 3 ‘terms’, each with a week ‘half term’, 2 weeks ‘holiday’ at Easter and Christmas and 6 weeks; holiday in the summer</p>
<p>Lessons are 45 minutes, there are 5 lessons a day with 5-10 minute breaks in between</p>	<p>Morning lessons until breaktime, after break lessons until lunchtime and then a break in the afternoon. During breaks you can get fresh air and exercise in the playground</p>
<p>In Ukraine PE is about individual physical challenges and tests</p>	<p>In the UK there are more team sports and PE includes topics such as dance</p>
<p>In Ukraine, we were given lots of homework</p>	<p>In the UK, you will not be given as much homework</p>



Welcome to Secondary School pack
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