



Ovingham Middle School

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MY NEW SCHOOL - YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



My new school is called:	Ovingham Middle School
My new school's address is:	Ovingham Middle School, Ovingham, Northumberland NE42 6DE
My new school's telephone number is:	01661 833215
The head teacher is:	Mrs Bullock
My head of year is:	Mrs Ridley
My form tutor is either:	Mrs Colwell Mrs Ridley Miss Tyler
Who else do I need to know?	What do they do?
1. Mrs Kemp	Deputy Head teacher
2. Mrs Bullock, Mrs Ridley and Mrs Tweddle	Help to keep us safe and listen if you have any worries or concerns.
3. Mrs Mavin, Miss Hope, Mrs Heslop & Mrs Carr	Prepare our food and help us at snack and lunch time.
4. Mrs Hancock, Miss Kennedy & Miss Hudson	Look after the school, keep it tidy and find missing PE socks.
5. Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Heal, Mrs & Hansom	Look after the school office and keep everything running smoothly.
How will I get to school?	Car, bus, taxi or walk
If getting the bus or taxi	

	<p>Teachers will show you how to line up in your bus queue on the first day.</p> <p>Teachers will show you where your taxi parks.</p> <p>Teachers are on bus duty each night to help you</p>
If travelling by car	<p>Teachers will show you where to walk, along the yard to the food tech room and out the gate to the zebra crossing.</p> <p>Once you have seen your lift you may then walk along the chevrons to the car.</p>
If walking	<p>Teachers will show you where to walk, along the back of school and out of the gate nearest Ovingham First School.</p>
Where should I go?	<p>The Year 5 door is next to the yard nearest the bus stop.</p> <p>You will line up next to this door in your 3 form classes each morning.</p> <p>The Year 5 team will be there to help you each day.</p> <p>You can arrange to meet your friends near this door or on one of the yards.</p>
What time does school start?	8.45am
What time does school finish?	3.25pm
What times are break-time and lunch-time?	<p>Break = 11.15 - 11.30</p> <p>Lunch= 12.30 - 1.25</p>
Will I have to wear a uniform?	Yes

<p>What is my new uniform like?</p>	 <p>OMS jumper, blue polo shirt, grey trousers, skirt, or shorts</p>
<p>What is my PE kit like?</p>	 <p>OMS PE top and Shorts, Blue football socks. You can buy a blue OMS hoodie or wear a non labelled navy hoodie. You might also want to bring in navy tracksuit bottoms.</p>
<p>What other equipment will I need?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pencil case with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x pencils - 2 x black pen - 1 x ruler - 1 x pencil sharpener - 1 x rubber - 1 x glue stick - 1 x coloured pencils (optional) b) School bag (this must fit in the locker) c) Reading book (from home or school library) d) Water bottle e) Lanyard (for locker key) f) Home school diary (provided on first day)
<p>Where will I put my things?</p>	<p>You will be given your own locker on your first day, for your: coat, bag, PE kit and pack lunch box. You will be given a key which we recommend you wear on a lanyard. You will also have a tray in your form class.</p>
<p>Whose class will I be in?</p>	<p>You will be in either 5DC - Mrs Colwell 5ET - Miss Tyler 5GR - Mrs Ridley</p>

	<p>Mrs Ridley sorts the classes each year. This is a long and difficult task. She needs to get the right mix of pupils including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even split of boys and girls Mix of abilities Mix of pupils from all First schools Friend requests <p>Before you find out which class you are in it will have been checked by your teachers at the First school. We will always listen to what they have to say and follow their advice.</p>
Will I get all my friend choices?	We try our best to make sure you have one friend in your class, sometimes it is possible to have more. However, if your teacher tells us that they do not think your friend choices are a good combination, we will take this into account.
Where will people in my class have gone to school?	This year we have people coming to our school from: Broomhaugh, Broomley, Mickley, OFS and Wylam.
Will I have the same teacher all day?	No, you will see your class teacher every morning and lunch time for registration. You often have your teacher for some lessons but have other teachers in-between.
How big will my class be?	This year there are 88 pupils joining year 5 This means classes of between 28 - 30
Will I have a timetable?	Yes, this will be in your diary, it will tell you: what lesson you have, where you need to be for each lesson and who will teach you. We organise this on your first day.
How does it work?	You have 5 lessons each day which are marked on your timetable with the times and which classroom you need to go to.
How will I know where to go?	Your form teacher will help you find your lessons the first week.

	Older pupils remember what it is like being in Year 5 and are always happy to help take you to classes if you could not find your way.
Will I get lost?	Don't worry - our school is a big square you can't get lost! The worst that can happen is you get a few extra steps in that day as you do a couple of laps. Look at the colour coded map on the website. We have also added a video to show you your way around.
Where do I go on my first day?	On your first day you will spend time with your form teacher. So you will be in one of the year 5 classrooms. Year 5 teachers will be out at the gates to meet you and help you find your way to the Year 5 door.
Will I always be in the same class?	You will spend most of your lessons with your form class. In some subjects we have extra teachers e.g. technology. This means that you will move into smaller groups for these lessons and may be mixed with pupils from across Year 5. This means you have another chance to make even more new friends.
Will there be any help in the classrooms?	Yes, we have lots of lovely teaching assistants who help in different lessons.
What lessons will I have?	English (Literacy) Maths (Numeracy) Science ICT French Games / PE Humanities Music PSHE RE Technology
What facilities does the school have?	School hall / sports hall 2 ICT suites Science lab Food technology room

	<p>Woodwork room Library Large playing field and 2 yards Wooded area</p>
Are there any lunch-time clubs?	Yes, lots of them. We have a notice board in Year 5 and in your classrooms to tell you what is on, when and where.
Sports clubs	<p>Clubs change each half term; over the year we offer clubs such as:</p> <p>Football Cricket Netball Dodgeball Hockey</p>
Other clubs	<p>Singing Club Ukulele Club Dr Who Club Arts and Crafts club Homework clubs ICT Club Eco School club</p>
Will I get homework?	<p>Yes, you will get homework. In your first term this will be</p> <p>1 piece of English Spellings Reading 1 piece of Maths</p>
Is there a homework club	<p>Yes, there are 3 homework clubs a week (1 lunchtime from each year 5 teacher) plus ICT club where you can complete your work online. However, if you need some help, always ask. There is someone around to help you.</p>
What happens if I am stuck on my work	<p>We never want you to worry about homework. Your teacher will always be able to help you. If you struggle at home, get an adult to write a note in your diary and the teacher will help you the next day.</p>
Will I get detention	<p>We don't use detentions in Year 5, however, you may be asked to stay in and attend homework club to complete your work if you repeatedly don't hand it in.</p>

What happens on a break time?	The canteen will be open for snacks or you can bring a snack in from home. You must eat this in the dining area. You should visit the toilet and then go outside to play.
What happens at lunch time?	At lunch, each year group follows a rota to tell them what sitting they are on. When it is your time for lunch you will hear a whistle, then line up at the Year 5 door. You will go to the canteen for lunch then go outside or to a club for the rest of lunchtime.
What are school meals like?	There are different choices of meal every day. We will put a sample menu on the website for you to look at.