

Student Letters

We understand that starting at a new school can give you mixed feelings, so below four students have kindly shared their own feelings during their first few days when they started at the Willink.

Dear year 6s,

Some of you may be anxious, particularly with what is happening in the world right now. Schools may have been closed for most of you, but as my mum works for the NHS I have still been going into school most days. Before all of this happened and schools closed, I am sure some of you may have thought that school was hard, boring or even just rubbish. I can honestly say that I've been so lucky that the Willink School has looked after me during this strange and difficult time. The teachers here are very friendly and they have come into school to put on interesting activities for me and other children, they have helped me with my work and learning and they genuinely care!

When you come to the Willink School you will also be the lucky ones. You'll be in safe hands.

I look forward to meeting you all in September.



Cain , 7X

Dear future Year 7s,

Last year was great! It was Year 6 (your year) and it seemed to be a simple and easy year. For a school of only 50-60 children in total, it was easy for me to take responsibility and be in charge of a lot of things. Therefore, I thank Brimpton C of E Primary School for preparing me but still everything changed... From September, I was the 'new kid' to my tutor and everything seemed a little harder. Honestly, I felt lucky because I did know a few people there were loads of people to help me (teachers and Peer Mentors)... but then I realised that I didn't need luck: this new world was amazing!

I've got more friends than my old school could even take. I understood all the buildings and where to go quickly, classes weren't too hard so I could cope with them and by the end of the first term I knew my timetable off by heart! I've made the best secondary school friends I could ask for; I feel more popular and confident now than at primary school. When I'm sad friends care for me, trips are much interesting... there's only so much I can say about this school in one paragraph. Some other schools would be too stressful for me so I do feel lucky to be here but nobody actually needs luck to do well at this school. A lot of you will have to say goodbye to old friends at the end of Year 6 but that doesn't mean you can't say hello to new ones...

I'm a good student and I make a difference at the Willink school but the question is, will you?



Adam, 7Y

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Moving from Sulhamstead and Ufton Nerve Primary School seemed daunting. At first, I was nervous, scared but also excited. It was a big change for me moving from primary to secondary; compared to SUN Willink seemed so big! I felt that my time at primary had come, but don't worry if you don't feel like you're ready because you have time to get your head around it. Last August I went to Summer School because it gave me experience to settle in, learn about the layout and meet loads on new friends. It's not just about learning new topics - there are lots of fun activities and you can meet new people. When September came around, I felt ready and excited for my journey because of my time at Summer school.



When school term started, I was still a little nervous and uneasy but this is normal. It took me about 6 weeks to settle in. That might seem like a long time but looking back it's not that long really. Time flies at the Willink - I can't believe I'm midway through the year already!

Some days are better than others and some subjects are easier to understand than the others. But don't worry if you find things difficult - you are here to learn, everyone struggles at some point and in time things will fall into place.

Looking back, everything turned out just fine. I have my amazing new friends who help me through the tough times, great teachers who are keen to teach and help us learn and the food from the canteen is great! Overall, I am pleased with how my first year at the Willink is going.

I hope this has helped with any worries you might have. Enjoy your time at Willink School.

Eva, Year 7

By the time I was at the end of Year 6 I was ready to leave Primary School. We only had one class and we were all ready to leave. I'll admit that I got frustrated a lot of the time. When I went to Willink School I was put in a Tutor group without any of the boys from my old school and it was the best thing because, with help from Peer Mentors and my teachers, I made loads of new friends but still kept my old friends from Primary School. I found I wasn't frustrated anymore. My move to the Willink School gave me a fresh start, a fresh perspective and lots of new opportunities.

Just like most you reading this, I was nervous but all the teachers are really supportive and will help you whenever you need it. You may think it is a huge school and you may feel lost but after a day or two you get used to it and you learn your way around quickly. It is great to have independence, make new friends and do all the new lessons. Honestly, there is nothing to worry about, you will have the best time.

Callum, 7W

