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Wednesday 21 May 2025

Dear Year 5 Parents

**RE: Moving to Secondary School in September 2026**

It was good to see so many of you at the meeting yesterday and I hope you found it helpful.

The key points from the meeting last night are below and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the attached Parent Leaflet are on the school website:

<https://highwycombecombinedschool.secure-primariesite.net/moving-to-secondary-school/>

**Key points:**

- Apply by Midnight on 31 October 2025
- Apply online at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/>
- List schools in true preference order including grammar and upper schools if your child is sitting the test
- Consider including your catchment/local/nearest school
- Be realistic, understand the rules
- Consider transport arrangements
- Visit the schools and bring your child with you
- Don't rely on the opinions of others

**Secondary Transfer Test**

**Withdrawing children from the test**

Taking the test is not compulsory for children in Buckinghamshire primary schools, if parents wish to withdraw their child from testing they must put this in writing to the Headteacher.

**Familiarisation Booklet**

This will be sent to all children's home addresses in early July.



## Timeline:

What	When
Familiarisation booklet	July 2025 (posted to home address)
Practice Test	09 September 2025
Transfer Test	11 September 2025
Results Released	10 October 2025
Application deadline	31 October 2025
School place offers	2 March 2026
Start secondary school	September 2026

### PGL - Year 6 Residential Trip – June 2026

This is all in place for next year, so thank you all for your commitment to this trip.

### Parent Meetings with Mrs Hawkins

If you have any questions regarding suitability for Grammar school or about attending the Year 6 proposed residential, I ask that you arrange to meet with me before the end of term so I can answer any questions or offer support. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Celine Hawkins  
Headteacher

