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Finding my way around the school	There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily.
Getting lost, not making friends, getting bullied, struggling with the workload and being laughed at if I get s question wrong	You will make friends by using the Y7 playground and by talking or playing with other people. Clubs also help enormously in terms of making friends. If anyone ever makes you feel upset or worried, it is very important that you tell myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller so that we can help.
Difficulty making friends	Just be friendly and talk to people. I would definitely recommend attending a club where you will meet people with similar interests to you.
New things sometimes make me nervous	This is perfectly natural. See each new thing as an opportunity!
Maths .I struggle a bit	Your maths teachers will provide all of the support you need. All you need to do is demonstrate a positive mindset and try your hardest.
Being made fun of.	If anyone ever makes you feel upset or worried, it is very important that you tell myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller so that we can help.
People being mean, missing friends from my current school and getting lost.	If anyone ever makes you feel upset or worried, it is very important that you tell myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller so that we can help. I am sure you can stay in touch with many of your primary school friends. Please don't worry about getting lost as it will not take long for you to get used to the school - we will all help you with that.
Losing My Old Friends	I am sure you can stay in touch with your primary school friends. Arrange times to meet up with them throughout the day at school if they are coming to TA.
The school has lots of people and I get anxious around people.	If you feel this way, speak to myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller if you feel this way when at school.
Where to go for lessons	Your timetable will soon become easy for you to use.
That I'll be leaving my old friends behind and maybe be lonely.	I am sure you can stay in touch with your primary school friends. You will make friends at TA very quickly.
Home work	The secret to managing your homework is establishing good routines for where and when you do it. Plan over the summer how you are going to organise this.
The older children, and finding my way around	You will soon find that the older children will be kind and helpful - they were in your shoes once! Don't worry about getting lost, we will all support you in helping to find your way around.
I am a little nervous	This is perfectly normal and I am sure many Year 6 children are feeling the same.
I'm worried that I'll get lost while trying to find a lesson and have to get a detention and also that I'll get really over emotional.	Your teachers will be really understanding as you learn your way around the school, so please don't worry.

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How big the school is compared to primary.	TA is definitely bigger than your primary school, but areas such as the Year 7 playground really give you the opportunity to settle into the school gradually.
I am very worried about getting lost and i am worried about the lessons and how different they will be	Please don't worry about this, there are lots of staff to help with this. Secondary school is an opportunity to do a whole range of different subjects, which is very exciting!
Hard work and getting lost	At TA, we definitely work hard but all we ask is that you try your best. We will support you with finding your way around the school when you start.
Class location	It will not take you long to learn where your classes are.
I am worried that I am falling behind in my learning, even though I am doing all my home learning.	I am sure many children across the country feel this way. We will work hard with you when you start to ensure that you are progressing well.
Getting lost. Being bullied	There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily. If anyone ever makes you feel upset or worried, it is very important that you tell myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller so that we can help.
There are friends I have been with since Nursery who are going to different schools. Even if things were normal, I would be worried about finding my way around, getting detentions, walking into the wrong classroom...	I am sure you can stay in touch with your primary school friends. You will make friends at TA very quickly. There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily.
I'm nervous about changing school and being picked on by other kids.	This is perfectly normal and I am sure many Year 6 children are feeling the same. If anyone ever makes you feel upset or worried, it is very important that you tell myself, Mrs Nicol or Mr Fuller so that we can help.
Being around the older children	You will soon find that the older children will be kind and helpful - they were in your shoes once!
I'm worried about not knowing many people and being my friends might not be in my class.	There are lots of new people for you to get to know, which is a new and exciting opportunity. Some of your friends may be in your tutor group or class but if not, you can always play with them at break time or lunchtime.
Just a little bit nervous	This is perfectly normal and I am sure many Year 6 children are feeling the same. Once you start, you will feel much better.
Changes in school routine. Unfamiliar place.	It may take a bit of time to adjust, but it will all fall into place quite quickly. There will be lots of staff to support you.

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I feel like I'm not that good at most things and I might fail.	<i>One of my favourite quotes is: Everything is hard, until it becomes easy! Just try your hardest and practice - often we need to get things wrong in order to know how to do them right!</i>
Making friends and getting bad marks in tests.	You will make friends by talking to people, using the Year 7 playground and going to clubs. All that we ask is that you try your hardest at school and your teachers will support you so that you achieve your best.
traveling, being on time and homework	Over the summer work out how you are going to get to school and which is the quickest and safest route to take. Think about what time you should leave the house in order to arrive at school on time. The secret to managing your homework is establishing good routines for where and when you do it. Plan over the summer how you are going to organise this.
Not knowing my way around and meeting new people	There are lots of new people for you to get to know, which is a new and exciting opportunity. There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily.
I'm a little nervous but that's part of the excitement!	It is such an exciting opportunity!
That it is new and lots of people in big buildings	Although it is all unfamiliar, it is all very exciting!
Not knowing where to go? and making friends and hopefully doing my best	There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily. You will make friends by talking to people, using the Year 7 playground and going to clubs. All we ask is that you try your hardest every day.
The amount of work.	Your lessons will certainly challenge you, but all we ask is that you try your hardest.
getting lost	It will not take you long to learn your way around the school. There are always lots of teachers and staff in the corridors during lesson changeover to help you. They wear yellow jackets so that they can be seen easily.
Older people because I am usually bullied a lot at Primary School	You will soon find that the older children will be kind and helpful - they were in your shoes once!
Homework, Maths and not being late	You will get 1 hour and 20 minutes of homework every evening, if you struggle with it your teachers will always be happy to help. All the maths teachers will be happy to give you some extra support if you need it. You will soon get used to the timings of the day and how to get to your lessons as quickly as you can.
I'm just worried about get lost or being late	You will find it easier than you expect. But, if you do struggle then there are always staff to ask. When you first start, your teachers will understand that you might find it difficult to find your way so you won't get into any trouble.
Just a little nervous because it's a big school	It will be bigger than your primary school, but Year 7 have their own area and playground. There will always be teachers around to help you if you need it.
I'm a bit worried about all of the homework	You will get 1 hour and 20 minutes of homework every evening, if you struggle with it your teachers will always be happy to help.

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not fitting in	You will find that there is a huge mix of people here at TA. You will be able to join clubs where you can meet people who have similar interests to you.
It's a big step and want to do well	It will take a bit of time to get used to it, but here at TA we all want you to do your very best and all your teachers will support you as much as possible.
just settling in and finding way around uniforms getting changed... as i have autism and dyspraxia	Year 7 will have a transition time where you will be able to get to know other people in your tutor group and classes. There is lots of support for anyone with additional needs and the staff will make sure they can do everything they can to make things easier for you.
Not having any friends there	You will soon make friends in your tutor group and classes. You can join clubs too where people will have similar interests to you.
bullies	TA does not accept any type of bullying. If you do have any issues make sure you tell your teachers or tutor and we will make sure we help you in every way we can.
missing my friends	You will soon make friends in your tutor group and classes. You can join clubs too where people will have similar interests to you. But make sure you keep in contact with your old friends too!
not knowing anyone	You will quickly make new friends in your tutor group, classes and clubs who have similar interests to you.
Having more work to do and it being harder.	It may feel like it is a lot more work, but you will soon get used to it and working as hard you can.
Other people - bullies. Looking/feeling dumb.	You may find it difficult to find where you're going to start with, but you will soon pick it up. The school is organised very clearly and there is always someone to help you if you do get lost, you just need to ask. Everyone will feel similar to you, but your teachers will do everything they can to make sure you learn everything you can.
the size of the school and not knowing where to go	The school may feel big compared to your primary school, but you will soon find your way around and settle in. Everyone will be in the same position as you, but you will all get through it together, with lots of support from your teachers.
making new friends and not knowing where to go and getting lost	You may find it difficult to find where you're going to start with, but you will soon pick it up. The school is organised very clearly and there is always someone to help you if you do get lost, you just need to ask. There are lots of clubs where you can meet new people and make friends.

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Older years	Year 7 have their own area and playground so you don't have to interact with the older years at break and lunch times. If you do have any issues, make sure you tell a member of staff and they will help you.
That I will be in a lower set because of a test when I should be higher.	Your teachers will keep an eye on you throughout the year to ensure that you are in the right set for your ability to make sure you complete your very best work.
Homework and forgetting something	You will get homework every evening for 1 hour and 20 minutes, you will need to have your equipment with you everyday. During the first couple of weeks, teachers will understand if you struggle to remember.
Finding my way around or getting lost, remembering where I've got to be and when	You may find it difficult to find where you're going to start with, but you will soon pick it up. The school is organised very clearly and there is always someone to help you if you do get lost, you just need to ask. You will get a timetable and that will have all your lessons and timings written on it.
I'm worried about getting told off for getting lost when I start.	When you first start, your teachers will understand that you might find it difficult to find your classrooms, if you are late, you won't get into trouble.
Me not being in the same class as my friends	All the classes get very mixed up and you will soon make new friends in your tutor group and classes. You will be able to see your friends from primary school at break and lunch time.
I am a bit nervous because I won't know many people,	You will soon make lots of friends in your tutor group, classes and any clubs you join. You will soon find people who have similar interests as you.
Finding learning difficult in front of other people	Your teachers will all be happy to help you if you are finding lessons hard. But remember everyone will be in the same position as you so there is no need to worry.
I am feeling a bit scared incase people do not like me and finding my way around the school.	You will soon make new friends from your tutor group and classes. It will be a change finding your way around but you will soon pick it up and there will be lots of teachers to help you.
The amount of people.	It may feel like a lot of people, but you will have your own area for Year 7 and playground. You will be able to move lesson to lesson with other people in your class.
if you are late for school will you get a 1 hour detention after school	You should be in school for 8.20am. Plan over the summer to ensure that you always come to school on time.
Will there be any differences when we arrive at TA due to COVID-19?	We are currently making sure we follow all of the government's guidelines, to ensure everyone is safe at TA. This may mean school is slightly different to normal, but we will be making sure you still do your lessons and have the best time possible.

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Who would be out on the playground when we out for break and lunch?	The year 7 playground is solely for the use of Year 7s, no one else is allowed out there. Any other areas are accessible to all the year groups.
When we go and line up at ta for the first time will we get anything to help finding our way around the school like a map or a friend.	On your first day, it will just be Year 7 and Year 12 in school. So there will be lots of space and lots of members of staff around to help you find where you need to be and answer any other questions you might have.
About Homework I am very nervous about not finishing Homework and about talking to teachers because I am not good at telling problems to the teachers.	If you are struggling with your homework, it is really important to talk to your teachers. If you find it difficult, try and find one teacher that you feel like you can trust and talk to and they can pass on any information they need to other teachers around the school.
I have anxiety and I worry about getting lost.	If you are feeling anxious at TA, we have lots of different people you can talk to. You can talk to Thrive, SEN, your tutor, your pastoral leaders or just a teacher that you feel you can trust. Everyone at TA wants to ensure that you are happy and getting the most out of being at school.
Going to a new school and learning new friends	It may take a bit of time to adjust, but it will all fall into place quite quickly. There will be lots of staff to support you. There are lots of new people for you to get to know, which is a new and exciting opportunity.
General nerves of moving to a new school	This is perfectly normal and I am sure many Year 6 children are feeling the same. Try to see it all as an exciting opportunity!
How big the school is compared to primary.	TA is definitely bigger than your primary school, but areas such as the Year 7 playground really give you the opportunity to settle into the school gradually.