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Dear New Student,

Welcome to Ken Stimpson Community School. I was scared on my first day even though I knew that there were many of my friends from Gunthorpe Primary School going to be there. The school is big and there are many older children than me.

It only took a few minutes to find my friends and the teachers were very friendly. If you don't have any friends in the school or in your class then you mustn't worry because I made many new friends quickly. The teachers meet you at the gate and show you where to go. It isn't scary at all.

There is a very nice canteen, which is just for Year 7 and the food is very good. I really like the pizza and chicken nuggets. You can bring your own lunch too. I buy water because it is cold but you can bring your own bottle and are even given a free water bottle on your first day! You get an account and you use your fingerprint to buy stuff. My mother adds money to my account every week to use but you don't need to do this if you bring your lunch and drinks from home. Some of my friends buy and others don't. Nobody worries about this as everyone does their own thing.

It is little difficult to find different classes but you get a timetable and they help you at first. You can also ask the older children as they are very helpful. The older children are very nice and kind. They don't make fun of you if you ask them anything. There is a zero-bullying tolerance at this school which is good and makes you feel safer.

You get a tutor and you have a tutor class twice a day where you get a chance to talk to your tutor about homework, questions you have and any problems that they can help with. The tutor is a friendly teacher who wants to help and understands how we are feeling. It is good to talk to them.

There are lockers which you can rent but I don't because I just carry my bag with me during the day. My friends use the lockers for their PE kits. It is up to you but I just carry mine with me.

The first year is very exciting because you learn many new things like woodwork, science experiments, cooking, art projects and drama/dance. I haven't tried many of these things before but it was fun and exciting to do.

The school trips are amazing. In year 7 you get to go to Harry Potter Studios and a 3 day residential. You also get to go on other exciting trips and opportunities.

I know your first day will be different from mine because I got to see the school in advance but the teachers and staff are helpful and understand how you are feeling. I am shy when I am in new places but they made me feel better as soon as I arrived at the school. I wish I knew before I started that it would be okay but I am glad I can tell you that it was fun and exciting and you should not worry at all.

This is a good school and I am very happy being part of it. If you need any help or are worried then you can find me and I will try to help you. I know the teacher and many students now, so I will try to help you if you need anything.

Keep safe and see you soon.

From
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