

Difference between High School and Primary School

Although **High School and Primary** may seem very **different** with a lot of **new** things and **many changes** there are many things that are the **same or similar!** Looking at the similarities between the primary and secondary may **help** to make **transition** seem a little **less scary** and make you feel a little **more prepared** for the changes.

L.I: To compare a new and current situation.

Success Criteria:

- Read the statements carefully.
- Identify the statements that are the same as your current situation.
- Select the statements that are only for the new situation.
- Discuss and answer questions to show your understanding of the new and current situation.

Below are a list of **statements about High School**. **Circle/Highlight in red** the ones that are the **same as your primary school** and **circle/highlight in blue** the **ones that are different**.

You will get homework.

You will go on school education trips and residential trips.

There will be whole school assemblies.

You will move around different classes.

You will have different classmates in some classes.

You will have different teachers for different subjects.

You will need to take your PE kit to school on certain days.

You will have to find your way around to the different classes.

You will not be allowed to run inside the school.

You have to try your hardest in all of your work/classes.

Your parents/carers will be invited to a parents' evening to see how you are getting on.

You will get report cards.

You will be able to choose what you want to eat for your own lunch.

Your teachers may inform your parents/carers if there are any problems at school.

You will get the chance to take part in after school clubs and activities.

You will meet and work with new friends and peers.

You may have some disagreements or fallouts with others.

You will have to follow a timetable.

You will get to try new things.

You will be able to see and meet your friends at lunchtime and after school.

There will be consequences if you do not follow the school rules/codes.

You will be able to get to school by walking.

You will be able to take the bus to school on your own.

School will start at 8:50am

Questions

1. How many of the statements are the same or similar to your primary school? Are you surprised by the number that are similar or the same? Why/why not?
2. What types of things did you notice that were similar/same? What types of things did you notice that were different?
3. Did any of the ones that were the same surprise you? Why or why not?
4. Having completed this task has it made you feel any better, eased any fears or concerns about the change in August? Why or why not?

Are there any other things that are the same or different that you can think of? Put them into the table below.

Same/Similar	Different