

# Getting to Know People

When you move to secondary school, you will meet lots of new people. Other people from your primary school may or may not be going to the same secondary school as you. They may or may not be in the same classes as you. It will be really important that you are able to get to know new people. The most important thing to remember is that other people will be feeling just as nervous and 'new' as you will be.

## Task 1

Think about the following sentences and complete them as fully as you can.

1. It is important to be able to get along with new people I meet because:

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2. I find meeting new people:

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3. Here is an example of how I got to know somebody before:

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4. Here is an example of something people might do which would stop them getting to know people:

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## Task 2

Now compare the amount of people you mix with in primary school and the amount you may meet when you get to secondary school. What pattern do you notice? What does this tell you about how important getting to know people will be?

Primary School		Secondary School	
Number of pupils in my class		Number of students in first year (average)	
Number of boys in my class		Number of boys in first year (average)	
Number of girls in my class		Number of girls in first year (average)	
Number of teachers I have been taught by		Number of teachers I will be taught by in first year (average)	
Total number of pupils in my school		Total number of students in the school	

### Task 3

Tick the strategies below that may be helpful when getting to know people and making new friends.

- Sit by yourself in class
- Smile and say 'hello'
- Ignore people who are sitting by themselves
- Introduce yourself and ask the other person what their name is
- Tell someone what you are interested in or what hobby you enjoy before asking them about what they like to do most
- Only talk about yourself
- Ask someone if they would like to eat lunch with you