

Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs provide answers to many of the questions you may have about our move to Avebury Avenue.

We know that some students and families may have further questions or simply want to talk things through. Please check the email we have sent you for timings of drop-in sessions or call and speak to a member of the team.

THE NEW BUILDING

Where is the new Centre?

The View @ Avebury is on Avebury Avenue in Tonbridge, above Tonbridge Library:
1 Avebury Avenue,
Tonbridge
TN9 1TG

Call: 01732 778897

Email: tv-es@hillview.kent.sch.uk changing to tv-av@hillview.kent.sch.uk from August

How easy is it to get to the new Centre?

The new site is centrally located, close to public transport, with nearby parking and drop-off options.

Is there parking?

There is no on-site parking, but there are nearby car parks and convenient drop-off points. The centre is also close to the train station and local bus routes.

What improved facilities will the new Centre have?

The new space has been chosen to better support our students. It will include:

- The same number of teaching rooms, but larger and more consistent in size
- A dedicated R&R (rest, refocus, recharge, restart) suite
- Spacious student lounge and Cafe areas
- Improved overall layout

All of this has been designed to enhance learning, wellbeing and the overall student experience.

Is the new building accessible?

The building includes step-free access. A lift to all floors is undergoing refurbishment and will be in use from December 2026.

Is the new centre secure?

Yes. Entry to the centre is secure, with controlled access and staff based on site throughout the day.

Can members of the public who are using the library gain access?

No. Although we share the wider building with Tonbridge Library, the Centre has its own secure entrance with controlled access. Members of the public and students from other schools using the library will not have access to the Centre.

Will there still be an R&R room?

Yes. The new Centre will include a dedicated R&R suite designed to support students to rest, recharge, refocus and restart learning when needed.

Is there outdoor space?

While there is no dedicated outdoor space within the site itself, students will benefit from a much larger indoor social area and Tonbridge Park is just a short walk away.

Is there a canteen?

There is no catering provision, but there will be a large student Cafe where students can prepare and eat their meals.

Will there still be a student kitchen?

Yes. A kitchen will be available within the Cafe space.

ABOUT THE MOVE

Why are you moving?

Over the past five years, demand for our provision has grown significantly and we have been searching for a larger home that would allow us to support more young people while maintaining the personalised approach that makes The View special.

Our current site limits what we can offer and to how many students, which meant several of this year's students could not study their preferred subjects as the rooms just didn't allow us to offer the number of desired spaces. Whilst there are some clear benefits to our current site, the limitations were stopping our young adults from having the space they needed and deserved.

Our new site will provide more space and a layout that better supports learning, wellbeing and student life. Most importantly, our educational offer and the care and support that matter most to students and families will stay the same.

What will be staying the same?

In short - everything that matters.

Our learning programmes, curriculum, ethos, and approach will remain the same: smaller class sizes, personalised support, and a strong focus on wellbeing.

We will continue to offer a close-knit, nurturing environment, with the added benefit of improved facilities and more space.

Are you changing your name?

We will always be known simply as 'The View' to many students and families.

However, because we will no longer be based on East Street, our official name will change to The View @ Avebury (TV@AV) from September 2026 to reflect our new location.

Are you still part of Hillview?

Yes. We remain a satellite centre of Hillview and continue to benefit from their full support. The only change is our location.

Will there be more students?

Demand for places at The View has grown significantly over the past few years, and our new building will allow us to support more young people who would benefit from our provision.

While we expect to welcome more students overall, we remain committed to the things that matter most: smaller class sizes, personalised support and a nurturing learning environment.

The additional space means we can make better use of our classrooms and communal areas, giving students a more comfortable learning environment and greater flexibility to offer popular subjects to more students without being limited by the size of our current rooms.

Will there be different staff?

No - our team is staying. Students will continue to be supported by the same familiar staff with the potential for additional support roles in the future.

Are you offering the same courses?

Yes. Our courses and learning programmes will stay the same and be reviewed and updated each year as we do now.

What are the class sizes?

Class sizes vary depending on the course. Our largest groups (typically GCSE English and maths) are expected to remain at around 20-24 students.

Smaller class sizes will continue to be a key part of our approach.

Will class sizes increase because of demand?

Smaller class sizes are central to our success. The new building simply allows us to use space more effectively and offer places more fairly across the curriculum offer.

OFFERS, ENROLMENT AND TIMING

Will the move affect my offer for 2026-27?

No. Offers remain unchanged.

The move does not affect the offer you have received and there is nothing further you need to do at this stage.

Why weren't students told about the move earlier?

We understand that many families would have preferred to have known sooner and the news has come later than we ideally would have liked.

Plans for the move have been progressing for some time but moving an entire school provision is complex, and we were only able to confirm and announce the relocation once the move was confirmed and legal agreements had been completed. As soon as this happened, we shared the news with students, families, applicants and partner schools.

Although the location is changing, the provision itself is not, and we are committed to supporting students and families through the transition.

Students enrolling for 2026-27 will be kept up to date on progress but unfortunately the building will not be ready to view until enrolment days in August.

Will the building be ready for September?

Yes. Work is taking place over the summer to prepare the new Centre for students joining us in September. We have delayed the start of term by a few days, our start dates are:

The View Y12

Monday 7 September - Induction Day 1

Wednesday 9 September - Induction Day 2

Thursday 10 September - Start of Term 1

ViewPoint Y11

Friday 4 September – Induction Day 1

Tuesday 8 September – Induction Day 2

Thursday 10 September – Start of Term 1

We are working hard to ensure everything is ready and will keep students and families updated as the project progresses.

When can we visit the new centre?

The building is currently being refurbished and is undergoing some significant changes and decoration for the start of the new academic year.

Students joining us in September will enrol at the new site in August and we hope most areas will be ready for you to look around by then.

In the meantime, we'll keep students and families updated and will share progress updates and photos along the way.

Where do we go to enrol?

Enrolment will take place at our new location on Avebury Avenue on the afternoon of Thursday 20 August and on Friday 21 August and Monday 24 August.

Applicants be emailed w/c 6 July with full details and an appointment time.

Where will current 2025–26 students collect exam results from?

Our current students will collect their results from the East Street site.

Students continuing with us will then enrol at the new location on Avebury Avenue.

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

I chose this school because of the building/location, what does this mean for me?

That's completely understandable. What most families value about The View @ East Street is the support we provide, the relationships we build, and the way we help students succeed – all of that will remain exactly the same.

Our new location allows us to continue delivering this in a space that better supports learning, with improved facilities and more room for students to thrive.

We know change can feel unsettling, particularly when the current environment played a part in your decision. Please do talk to us if you have concerns, we are always happy to answer questions and will support students through the transition.

What support will be available if I am worried about the move?

We understand that some students may find change difficult or may have worries about the new environment.

Students and applicants have been invited to a series of drop-in sessions, where staff will be available to chat about the move and talk through any concerns.

We will share information and photographs as work at the new site progresses.

Families are also welcome to call and speak to the team.

Where can we find updates?

We will share updates directly with applicants, continuing students and families by email, and through our area on the Hillview website and Hillview social media channels.

Can I speak to someone if I have questions?

Absolutely.

We know that some students and families may have questions or simply want to talk things through.

Please feel free to speak to a member of staff, give us a call or come along to one of our drop-in sessions. Supporting students and families through change is part of what we do, and we are always happy to help.