

Dalkeith High School

P7 Transition

Frequently Asked Questions



- **What is the school day?**

The current school day begins at 8.40am until 3.25pm with a junior break (S1-S3) at 10.20am – 10.35am and lunch at 12.15pm - 12.55pm, Monday to Thursday.

On a Friday **all** pupils will have their break at 10.20am – 10.35am, the canteen will be busier than normal because of this and bringing in a snack would be a good option.

There are seven 50 minute periods Monday – Thursday and 4 periods on Fridays when we finish at 12.15pm.

- **How does the cashless system work?**

Every pupil is given a PIN which they use to buy food from the dining hall. Their account can be topped up by putting cash into the machines in the dining hall or via ParentPay. You are able to limit the amount of money available to be spent each day. A pack regarding ParentPay and your account, will be sent out to you during the summer holidays.

*****Pupil will be given a free school lunch on the Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June during the transition days and also on the first day of school in August. *****

- **What do I do if my child is off school?**

If your child is off school a phone call should be made to the school office first thing in the morning, informing them of the reason and likely duration of absence on 0131 654 4701.

- **Who do I contact if I am concerned about my child?**

Every pupil has a designated Pupil Support Leader. Any concerns should in the first instance be directed to them.

Buccleuch – Mr Harris
Dalhousie – Mrs Frame
Lothian – Mrs Waterhouse
Melville – Miss McCole

- **When and how will I get information about how my child has settled in?**

You will receive 3 tracking reports in the year (November, February and May) and Parents' Evening will be in March (subject to confirmation of date)

- **Who should I contact about support for my child's learning?**

Every pupil has a designated Pupil Support Leader. Any concerns should in the first instance be directed to them.

- **Is my child allowed out of school grounds at lunchtime?**

First year pupils are not allowed out of school premises at lunch or break times.

- **What do they need to bring every day to school?**

Each pupil is expected to bring their Chromebook, a pencil, pen, and ruler and will eventually be asked to purchase a calculator. PE kit should be brought on days when they have PE, this shouldn't be worn to school.

- **How do they find their way around the school?**

Pupils are for the first week escorted to and from classes by older pupils or support staff, this helps them until they become familiar with the layout of the school. They are also given a map of the school.

- **What are the rules about mobile phones?**

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school. However, Dalkeith High School has a strict policy that phones must be placed in the pockets provided in classrooms at the beginning of each lesson and collected at the end as instructed by the teacher.

- **What if my child needs to take medication during the school day?**

Should your child require medication on a regular basis they can choose for the medication to be kept with in school or they can choose to carry it themselves. Forms are available from the Office with regard to this. Please advise your child's Pupil Support Leader if you make this arrangement.

- **Lunch clubs/After school clubs**

Dalkeith High School offers a variety of lunch clubs and after school clubs. Information is issued to pupils in Term 1.

- **Buses/transport**

Each child who is entitled to transport will be issued with a bus pass which they should carry at all times. A letter will be sent home advising of the location and pick up time. This will be in the summer holiday and will sent centrally from Midlothian Council.

- **Attendance**

Should your child be late or absent without advising the school a text message will be sent to the named carer. Attendance is monitored by the Pupil Support Team.

PE Kit

All pupils are expected to wear appropriate PE kit during their PE lessons. Please see a note below:

During PE lessons pupils are expected to wear:
• A full length t-shirt
• Black shorts Or
• Black leggings Or
• Black jogging bottoms
• Trainers

Pupils are expected to get changed for PE.

Therefore, please note pupils should **not** wear PE kit to school.
This includes days which pupils have PE as part of their timetable.



Uniform



School Hoodie



School 3/4 Zip-up

Yes:

- School Hoodie / Zip-up (No tie expected)
- Plain Black Jumper / Cardigan (With white shirt & School tie)
- White full length t-shirt / shirt / blouse / polo-shirt
- Plain black jeans / trousers / skirt
- Black trainers (white sole/stripe acceptable) / Black shoes / Black boots

No:

- Non-school logos on t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers
- Baseball caps or hats
- Sports or football tops / tracksuits / joggers
- Blue / Grey / ripped or faded denim
- Cropped tops showing midriff
- Leggings (except with a skirt)
- Coloured trainers, crocs or sliders

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Mobile Phone Policy



On entering the classroom you must place your phone in the pocket that matches your desk number.

Phones can only be collected on exiting the classroom at the end of the lesson.

This policy helps with learning by keeping pupils focussed in class.

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