

## Looking after your child

We have a fabulous Pupil Support Team available throughout the school day if your child is ill, upset or having an issue of any sort. If you have any concerns about the welfare of your child, please call our Pupil Support Team in the first instance and ask to speak to the Pupil Support Assistant for your child's House

## CAT Testing

In September we will be testing all new S1 pupils to give us a baseline measure to help us to track progress and support and challenge our pupils. A letter with more information will be sent home nearer the time.

## Merits and Rewards

We run a Merit reward scheme to recognise pupil achievement. Teachers log a positive referral on the computer and pupils achievements are celebrated at regular intervals in the year.

The Merit scheme allows us to reward pupils who are living our school values to ASPIRE : Achievement, Service, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect and Excellence

Our Young People are rewarded for

- Doing well in learning and extra curricular activities
- Helping others
- Not giving up
- Having an inclusive outlook
- Being respectful to others
- Aiming to do their best

## School Expectations: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

- Consider the safety of yourself and others
- Follow instructions
- Take care of all property
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Move quietly and keep left in the corridors
- Be caring considerate and co-operative
- Wear school dress code
- Carry a bag with your books and equipment

Finally, we wish you a very successful and happy time here at St David's High School.



# WELCOME to St David's RC High School



## P7- S1 Transition Information

This is a short FAQ guide for Parents and Carers

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**R**espect

**E**xcellence

## FAQs

### 1. How do I put money on my child's Smart card for their lunch?

There are 2 machines, one in Block 4 and one in the dining hall that your child can put coins or notes in to top up their Smart Card. Cheques should be put in a brown envelope which is available from the school office; your child can post it in the Smart Card mail box in school. Cheques should be payable to 'Midlothian Council'. Your child will be issued with a temporary lunch card initially and it is important that pupils take care of these cards.

### 2. What do I do if my child loses their Smart Card?

They can get a pin number from the office at 8.30am, 11.10am or 1.15pm. There is a £2.00 charge for a replacement card. Pin numbers and Smart cards must not be shared with others.

### 3. What do I do if my child loses their bus pass?

Your child can get a temporary pass from the office at morning break or lunchtime and fill out form for a new pass. New permanent passes cost £10 (Midlothian), £5 (East Lothian)

### 4. What if my child feels like they are getting bullied?

Your child can tell their Guidance Teacher or Pupil Support Assistant. If they are busy they can tell any teacher, and they will pass on the information. If you have concerns, you can call the school at any time.

### 5. What happens if my child has no friends and feels alone?

We can set up a Buddy for your child; there are numerous clubs and areas they can access at breaks and lunch time to try and make new friends.

### 6. How will my child know what clubs are on at lunch time?

Information will be given out at Assembly. There will also be information on school notice boards.

### 7. Where will my child go at break/lunch time?

The social areas are downstairs. S1 must remain on the school campus grounds at all times.

### 8. What should my child bring to school?

School bag with pens, pencils, jotters and any books they are given. PE kit on the days they have PE.

### 9. What do I do if my child is late ?

Try to get your child into school and then they go to Pupil Support to sign in, so we all know that they are in school and safe

### 10. What if my child can't do the work ?

Your child can tell their Teacher. They will help them. You can call your child's Guidance teacher who will be able to advise. Mrs Oliver, Principal Teacher Support for Learning, and her team of teachers are also there to help if the work is causing difficulties They can support your child in class and also in their own department.

### 11. Who do I tell if my child has a dentist/medical appointment?

You should phone or write a note giving the details. Your child should show this to Pupil Support and sign out at Pupil Support if they are leaving school for an appointment.

### 12. What do I do if my child feels unwell?

Your child should go to the Pupil Support Base which can be found in block 5; they will contact you if necessary.

## Some Information about the Transition Days

### The transition days are 10-11 June (2 days)

This year the transition days will look quite a bit different from previous years!

Day 1 and day 2

There will be a variety of activities accessible on Google Classroom, more information will be available through your Primary School and on our Website

## Some Information for August

### Uniform

In August every S1 pupil should come to school wearing school uniform which is a white shirt and school tie (clip –on tie provided by the school) with a grey cardigan or jumper, dark coloured trousers/skirt. Tracksuit bottoms with stripes are not permitted. PE uniform is a white t-shirt and black shorts. You will receive information about school blazers when we all return to school.

### School Buses

You will receive a form from your primary school to be completed and returned so that bus passes can be prepared; information will be sent in a letter to you in the Summer holidays.

### Safe Arrival at School

Every period throughout the school day your teachers will record any absent pupil on the school's computerised registration system. Any pupil absent from class raises an alert which sends a text message to parents' mobiles unless the school has already been informed as to why you are absent. It is very important that your child attends all classes on time.

## Classes

### Class Organisation

S1 will be in non-practical classes of approximately 25 pupils; practical classes are no more than 20 pupils. Most learning is mixed ability although some setting may take place in some subjects.

### Reporting

We believe that working in partnership with parents is critical to the success of our pupils. You will receive 3 reports during the course of S1. You can, of course, contact us at any time to find out how your child is progressing.

### Parents' Evenings

The S1 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 24 November. You will receive information about the on-line appointment system nearer the time but this may change as we follow guidance and advice from the Scottish Government.

### Specific Information

If you have specific queries you can email Kathryn Williamson, Depute Headteacher for Support at [K.Williamson@mgfl.net](mailto:K.Williamson@mgfl.net)