



Lasswade High School



P7 Transition

FAQS

- **When does the school day start?** - *The first warning bell goes at 8.28 am and then there is another one at 8.30am for school to begin.*
- **What time does the school open?** - *The doors and reception are open from 8 am.*
- **How do you get to school?** - *For students within the catchment area requiring transport there are School Buses from Loanhead and Public Bus passes issued to those coming from Rosewell. From outwith the catchment area there are Public Bus services from Dalkeith/Newtongrange and Edinburgh. Students are encouraged to walk or bike to school and there are bike sheds available beside the front door.*
- **What do you wear?** - *The school uniform policy will be sent out during the summer holidays and will be available on the school website. The house ties can be purchased from the school reception. The policy is strictly adhered to for the security of the students as well as promoting a positive and purposeful learning environment.*
- **What do you wear for PE?** - *Plain black shorts or tracksuit trousers, plain white t-shirt and sports training shoes.*
- **How do I get a locker?** - *Application forms are in your welcome pack, but are also available from reception. The cost is £5 per term payable upon application.*
- **What is the mobile phone policy?** - *Mobile phones should not be used or visible in class unless otherwise directed by the member of staff. The reason for this is a phone can be a chosen method to record homework or reminders by some students.*
- **When do you get your first year timetable?** - *At the P7 Induction Days in June, but you also get another copy on the first day in August.*
- **How long are the periods?** - *50 minutes. There are 7 periods Monday to Thursday and 4 on a Friday.*
- **Do I need a calculator for Maths?** - *Yes, a calculator is needed every day as it is not only in Maths that it will be used.*

- **When is the first break?** - 10.10am until 10.25am.
- **Can I buy a snack at school?** - Yes, there are 4 serving areas in the school.
- **Can I bring a water bottle?** - Yes, although this should only have plain, still water inside.
- **When is the lunch break and how long is it?** - 12.55pm until 1.40pm
- **Can first years go out for lunch?** - S1 pupils can go outside, but must stay inside the school grounds for the full day. The only exception to this is if it is agreed between parents/carers and Pupil Support staff that the student can go home for lunch.
- **Can you bring a packed lunch?** - Yes, there is plenty of space inside and out for eating this.
- **How much does lunch cost on average?** - A Meal Deal costs approximately £2, consisting of a hot or cold main dish or sandwich, a snack and a drink.
- **How do you pay for lunch?** - You put money on your account at the office or through the machines, and pay when you get your food or drinks using your pin or card.
- **What is on offer for lunch?** - There is a huge variety of food available, including 2 different hot meal options each day, baked potatoes, sandwiches, wraps and soup. There are also healthy snacks and drinks that can be added to your meal. A little known fact is that parents can request a list of what has been bought on their child's card throughout the year if you want to keep a little eye on what they are having!
- **Are there lunch time activities?** - Yes, these are advertised through the extra-curricular timetable on the website, the bulletin at the start of the day and through subject departments.
- **When does the School day end?** - 3.20pm Monday to Thursday and 12.05pm on Friday.
- **What is on after School?** - There are a number of extra-curricular activities for a number of curricular areas as well as sport, music, drama and art.
- **How do you join up for activities?** - When they are advertised you speak with the member of staff who is organising them. You can also just turn up for some too.

- **When is parents' night?** - This year it will be in February, but this is might change.
- **How do I book appointments?** - We have an online booking system that you will be made aware of by letter, text and through the website and app.
- **Do we get school reports during the year?** - Yes, we issue tracking a tracking report and a full report for S1..
- **How do I communicate with the school if my child is absent?** - Call the school phone number and follow the instructions to report a pupil absence.
- **What should I do if my child is unhappy and not settling?** - Get in touch with your child's Pupil Support (Guidance) Teacher, who will get to know them well during the year. They are very well-trained in supporting young people who experience a range of emotions and can offer advice over the phone or will be very happy to meet with you.
- **How do I know what is going on at School?** - You can keep up with what is happening through the use of various media...
 - The school website is updated daily -lasswadehsc.mgfl.net - Check out the daily bulletin and other areas of interest
 - The school has a Twitter account - @LasswadeHSC - and you will also see that a number of departments and staff around the school have accounts for info too. Have a look at the followers of the @LasswadeHSC account.
 - The school has a Facebook page and there are other pages set up by groups from the school. These are administered by the senior pupils.
 - Automated Group Call messages (text or speech calls) are occasionally sent to update you on specific and important points of information.
 - 3 School Newsletters are distributed in the academic session
 - Regular Parent Council Meetings are held at the school. Please come along and see the calendar on the website for the dates.
 - Pupil Support staff may call home if there is anything specific to update you on about your child. You are also more than welcome to call them at any time.

- **Contact**

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