



P7 Transition Frequently Asked Questions



SCHOOL DAY

1. What time do we need to be at the high school for?

The school day starts at 8.30am so you should be in school before this ready to start your first class at that time.

2. How many classes do we get in one day?

There are 7 periods in one day, some of those will be single periods and some will be double so you could have between 4 and 7 different subjects in a day.

3. How long is one period?

Each single period is 50 minutes long and sometimes you get a double period which is 1 hour and 40 minutes.

4. How long do we get to move from class to class?

You need to move between classes as quickly as possible and not waste any time so that your next lesson can start.

5. How do the lunches work?

We have the school dinner hall that you can use to buy your lunch or you can feel free to bring a packed lunch with you from home. There are seats inside and outside that you can use to sit with friends and eat lunch.

6. How long is lunch break?

Lunch time is from 1.05pm until 1.35pm when you need to start heading to your afternoon classes which begin at 1.40pm.

7. Are there different lunch halls?

There is only one main lunch hall in the middle of the school that has a couple of different serving hatches at opposite ends. There are plenty of tables and different seating areas for you all.

8. What after school activities are available?

There are many activities available both at lunchtimes and after school. There are sporting clubs, drama, arts and crafts, games, library groups and many more!

9. When we go to the high school will we still need to stay two metres apart and wash our hands?

We will be following the health guidelines set by the Scottish Government and it will be highly likely that you will need to be two metres apart from other students and continue with regular hand washing/sanitising.

10. Are there any extra supplies that we need for high school that we don't already use at primary school?

There shouldn't be anything majorly different. You will still need to have items to write with, a school bag, PE kit and a water bottle would be good. Your teachers for individual subjects will let you know what you need once you get to high school.

BUSES

11. How will we get our buss pass and what time does the bus leave?

Normally what would happen would be our Rosewell students would have their bus pass hand delivered for the number 49 bus and the Loanhead students would receive a letter giving all the bus details and times. You would then collect your bus passes from the school office.

At this time, we do not know anything about the school buses until the structure of the school week and distancing regulations are decided on.

UNIFORM

12. What uniform do we need to wear?

School uniform is a white blouse or shirt with the school tie, black trousers or black skirt with tights and plain black shoes.

13. Where do we get uniform?

You can buy your uniform from many places such as supermarkets or clothing shops (online at the moment). There isn't a specific uniform supplier for Lasswade HS.

14. How will we get our blazer and tie?

You are not required to buy and wear a blazer this year and you will get your school tie given to you when you begin high school.

15. Do we need to wear our blazers at all times? Can we take them off in class or when it is hot?

When you do start wearing a blazer you can certainly take them off in class and you can carry them with you school but must have them with you at all times. Remember though, you DO NOT need a blazer for S1.

16. What do you have to wear at PE?

For PE you need to wear either a plain white or black tshirt, black bottoms (shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms), and a change of shoes into trainers. You can also wear a sweatshirt for outdoor activities if it is cold.

17. Are we allowed to wear makeup?

You can wear make-up if you choose to but it should be a very light covering, not a full face of make-up. Too much make up and we may ask you to remove it.

TRANSITION

18. Will we still get transitions?

Right now we can't have you in the school building blaenately so you will get access to our Virtual Transition programme which will include a virtual tour of Lasswade High School.

19. What will we do without any transitions?

Transition will be different this year to any other year but we are working hard to produce the Virtual Transition programme so that you still have the opportunity to experience the subjects you will be learning from August onwards and meet many of the teachers.

20. If we miss the first day/weeks of school will we still get a tour?

It will be likely that you will still get a quick tour of the school building when you arrive in August hopefully but in the meantime there is a virtual tour of the school building available to look at in the Virtual Transition days.

21. Will we get to go back to our primary school and say our final goodbye?

We know this is really important to you. Hopefully you will get that opportunity and be ready to begin high school in the week beginning 11th August 2020.

CLASSES

22. When we will find out who is in our class?

You will find out who is in your class when you start school, hopefully in August.

23. When will we find out what house we are in?

You will find out your House from the phone calls that the Student Support Team will have been making to your parents/carers over the last few days.

24. How will we be put into sets for different subjects as we would normally do a test for that in school?

Any subjects that require you to be put into set classes will work with you over the first few weeks to get this right.

25. Will there be someone/friends in my class?

Yes you should all have someone from the friendship list you gave in primary in your high school class.

26. When we go to high school, will there be others showing us around and what would happen if we got lost?

We have a Buddy system at Lasswade where each class has senior school Buddies. To begin with these Buddies take you to your classes and meet you again after so that you can get used to moving around the school.

27. If we miss the first few weeks of high school will we get taught online?

We don't really know what the new term will look like exactly yet but there will probably be a combination of working at school and working at home online.

28. Can we sit where we want?

In most classes the teacher will have a seating plan so that they can learn your names quicker. This is something that may change with the current situation as the desks will need to be spread further apart.

29. What if no one wants to be my friend?

High school is a great opportunity to make lots of new friends with people who you have never met before that went to different primary schools to you. We try really hard to make sure that everyone is included and has friends that they can spend their spare time with.

30. Do you get detention in high school?

There are detentions at lunchtimes and after school at high school but I am sure that no one in S1 will be involved in those!

31. What will we get into trouble for in the first few weeks?

The behaviour expectations will be similar to what you already know are appropriate from primary school. Do not worry about getting into trouble for being late to class if you get a little lost!

32. What should I do if I get bullied?

Bullying is not tolerated within Lasswade High School and if you ever feel like you are in that situation then it is really important that you tell someone – a friend, your Buddy, a class teacher or your Student Support teacher.

SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL/RUGBY

33. What will happen with the School of Football?

At this moment in time the teachers involved in the School of Football are working really hard to put together a plan but this needs to be decided by the SFA/SRU and follow the social distancing guidelines by the Scottish Government. Any updates will be posted on social media and the Lasswade HS website.

TIMETABLE

34. How and when do we get a time table?

You will get your timetable when you arrive into school on the first day. We cannot give these out before as we are unsure of how the school day will be structured at this time.

35. What will be required on the first day if we don't have our time table by then? Will we get a list?

Our plan will be to let you know over the summer what you would be required to bring with you on the first day. The most important thing is that you arrive ready and excited to learn!

36. What happens on the first day?

At this time we are unsure of how your first day will be structured but the Head Teacher will probably speak to you all, you will be given your timetable and

hopefully have a little time to be shown around the school before your lessons begin.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC

37. What subjects do we get in S1?

In S1 you get a fantastic variety of subjects. You will have English, Maths, French, Science, PE, Music, Drama, Craft and Design, Social Studies, Home Economics and Art.

38. How hard will the maths be in S1?

You may find every subject in high school a little challenging to begin with until you get used to it and it will be a step up from primary. However the teachers work really hard to make sure all the work is set at the right level for you and please don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

39. Will PE be split all boys, all girls or mixed?

There are a combination of boys, girls and mixed classes in PE. This depends on the other classes that are in PE at the same time as you.

40. What will it be like and will the work get harder?

The high school will be a much bigger building than your primary schools but due to the current situation it won't be as busy as normal which will help. The work will gradually get harder for you but as you expand your learning then you will be able to attempt all of the work that will be set for you.

FAQ Video

All of the listed questions and answers have been recorded as a video by our S6 Buddies. All P7 students have been given access to this video which is saved in the 'My Support' document on Google Classroom. This means that students and families to refer to video at your leisure.