

Welcome to
Holy Rood RC High School
Pupil Guide



Everything You Need to Know

Written by the pupils

School Mission Statement

We, the community of Holy Rood High School, inspired and helped by the Holy Spirit, aim to work together to build an inclusive community based on the Christian values of love, forgiveness and justice. In doing so, we hope to promote the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional wellbeing and social development of everyone in our school community.

We aim in our relationships to show the highest level of care and compassion for one another based on mutual respect and support. We recognise, respect and celebrate the wonderful religious, cultural and social diversity we have within our school community. We will celebrate and give thanks for each other, especially in prayer and in the Eucharist.

We aim to deliver high standards of effective learning and teaching, in a supportive and nourishing environment to enable all pupils to develop positive attitudes towards learning, achieve their full potential, develop self-worth and build the resilience and self-awareness required for life. We will provide the pastoral and chaplaincy support which underpins academic achievement for all.

We aim to strengthen our relationships with the families, parishes, primaries and the local and global communities we are part of, to enable us to enrich the experiences that we offer our pupils and to celebrate and share our pupil's gifts, talents and successes for the benefit of others.

We aim to provide high quality leadership at all levels in our school community.

We aim to offer everyone who comes to our school generous hospitality and a welcome that reflects our vision of the God-given dignity of all.

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School Uniform

What we're allowed to wear:

- Black jumper/cardigan
- Black skirt/trousers (girls are allowed to wear trousers)
- White shirts
- School ties - you can buy these from reception for £5
- Black shoes or boots
- Dark coloured coat- you need to take off at the entrance door

What we're not allowed to wear:

- Shorts and leggings (only allowed shorts at P.E)
- Hoodies
- Trainers and Converse/Vans (again, only allowed in P.E)



P.E Class

- Black shorts, you get these from the P.E Department and they cost £6.50.
- School P.E t-shirts, you get these from the P.E Department and they cost £6.50
- You can wear a plain white t-shirt, but it must be round neck.
- If you go outside, you can wear warmer clothes like joggers and sweatshirts.

Be warned - if you wear a hoodie you'll need to take it off in all classes!

If you have P.E as your last lesson you still need to change back into your school uniform. If you have P.E as your first lesson then you will have to come to school in your uniform.

Changing rooms at P.E

The changing rooms are locked during P.E so your personal belongings are safe during lessons.



Lockers

You can get a locker, ask at reception for a key. They cost £10, but if you hand your key back at the end of the school year you get a £5 refund. There's space in your locker to hang your coat and store your jotters. You aren't allowed to go back to your locker in between every class as it makes you late for your next class.



Practical (tutor class) and non-practical classes

Your tutor class has 20 people in it, and each class will be called 1A, 1B, 1C and so on. You'll be in this class for subjects such as Science, Art and Music.

Your non-practical class covers subjects such as Social Subjects, PSE and RE. There are 30 people in this class and you'll have some people from another tutor class in it.

In term 1 you are likely to be put in "sets" for some subjects like English and Maths, so you're with people who are the same level as you. Modern Languages also do this later in the year.

Personal Choice



Every 12 weeks we get to choose a fun topic to do for one period a week. Topics may include Animation, Woodwork, Make a Mag and Dance. You can't do the same topic again once you've done it already.



PSE

Personal and Social Education is where we talk about things such as bullying, drugs, smoking, health and your general welfare.



Getting to school

The number 42 stops right outside the school.

You can get the 4, 44, 104 and 113 to Willowbrae Road. It takes about 10 minutes to walk from the bus stop to school.

The school buses are colour coded and they all take different routes. Each bus has its own pick up point, and that's where it will drop you off after school. You have to apply for a bus pass and where you live must meet certain requirements e.g. 3 miles. **To find out more, information can be found >>>>**



School Canteen and School Meals

The canteen is open at break and you can get filled rolls with sausage and bacon rolls, cheese toasties and toast. These cost around £1.10 each. They also sell fruit boxes and healthy drinks.

At lunchtime you can buy hot meals like rice and chicken, fish and chips, soup etc, or there's a deli counter which has pre made sandwiches. You can get plain pasta in a pot, and sauce and cheese to go on it if you want. You can get cupcakes, brownies and tubs of fruit at the deli.

You can use cash in the canteen, but it's easier for you and the dinner ladies to use your *One Card/Young Scot Card*. You can add money on this in school at the machines in the canteen. The machines take 20p, 50p, £1 and £2. Make sure you press the red button to save the money onto your card.

If you've forgotten your card, you can get a temporary card from Reception. Your money will still be on the new card!

You can bring a packed lunch if you prefer. You can eat this in the canteen, in the Social Area and in the grounds.



Breaks and Lunchtime

During break and lunchtime, you're only allowed in the Social Area (the Ground Floor) or in the library. No one is allowed to leave the school during break. 1st years must stay in the school grounds during lunchtime.

You're not allowed any food in the corridors.



What you need to bring with you each day

You'll need something to write with. You can bring pencils or pens, pens must be black or blue ink.

You'll need a calculator for Maths. You might need a scientific calculator; you can bring your own or buy one from the Maths Department for £6.

It is useful to have a dictionary for the foreign language you're learning. Again, you can bring your own or buy from your teacher and they cost between £7 - £8.



Musical Instruments

If you get a musical instrument lessons at Primary School, you can continue with the lessons at High School and it may be the same teacher you already have now. The Music Department can also lend out instruments.

You may also be able to start to learn to play an instrument. Instrument lessons last 25 minutes a week and you'll miss part of another class to attend these.



Computer Password

You'll be given a user name and password on your first day, and you need this to use any of the school computers. You need to keep a note of this as the teachers don't know any of the user names or passwords. If you have trouble remembering your password, you can change it.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Timetables

You'll have a slightly different timetable every fortnight. This is because you will switch between Design Engineering and Technology (DET) and Food and Textile Technology (FFT) each week.

Getting around the school

On your first days at school, older pupils will help you to find your classes during the school day. If you do get lost, just ask someone and they will help.



Toilets

Most of the toilets are on the ground floor next to Art, although, there are some smaller toilets on other floors. Sometimes the toilets are locked during class time so try to go during break or lunch.



Water Fountains

You can fill your water bottle up at all the fountains, and there's one in almost every department. You can find them in the corridors. You are not allowed any fizzy drinks in class to drink.



Library

The library is on the 1st floor and has 18 computers for pupils to use. The Library is open every break-time (apart from Tuesdays) and at lunchtime. On a Monday the library runs a Book group and on Wednesdays at lunchtime hosts the School's Global Citizenship Group. No eating/ drinking in the library. You will visit the library with your English class too.

You can take out books for up to 2 weeks at a time. You can take out two books.



Fire Alarm

The fire alarm is tested every Friday during last period, and you can just ignore this. It only lasts a few seconds. It says: "This is a Fire Alarm, please leave the building immediately" and then a siren sounds.

If it goes off for real, your teacher will tell you which exit to use and once you're outside the teacher will take the register.

If the alarm goes off when you're in between classes, go outside and head to the astro-turf to line up with your class.



Lifts

Only people who have a lift pass are allowed to use the lifts.



Dentist/Doctor appointments

If you have an appointment during school time, you must bring a note or appointment sheet down to Welfare. Staff there will issue you with a slip to get out of class at the appropriate time.

You can also get the slip if your parents phone the school.



Welfare

If you feel unwell, you should tell your teacher who will give you a slip to take to Welfare. Staff there might phone home if they think you are not well enough to stay in school. You should not leave the school without permission.

Finally

If you have any worry or concerns or simply just want to speak to someone about your school life, you can visit your Year Head who will help.



We look forward to meeting you!