




HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL

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To: **All Parents of P7 Pupils transferring to Holy Rood RC High School**

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Holy Rood from Mrs Daly, Head Teacher

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to our school community in August 2020. The P7 Transition Visit and Parents' Meeting are a very important part of this process. This year in the current climate, things will be a little different and we are awaiting City of Edinburgh Council guidance in order to begin planning our P7 Transition Visit. I am hopeful that in the coming months we will be able to meet all our new parents and carers. We look forward to working alongside you and we recognise the crucial role you play in your child's learning journey. Please be reassured that we will do our best to ensure that your child's transition from Primary to Secondary is as smooth and successful as possible. Our school staff are working extremely hard to ensure we have all the right supports in place for your child in the transition from Primary School to Holy Rood RC High School.

Pupil Support

Mrs McIntosh, S1 Year Head, has overall responsibility for looking after your child's year group. Mrs Duffy is responsible for Additional Support for Learning. Both members of staff have received transition information from Primary Schools and engaged in conversations with P7 teachers, to ensure we have the necessary information to allow for as smooth a transition as possible. If you feel there is further information concerning your child's health and wellbeing that you wish to share, please email Mrs McIntosh or Mrs Duffy at admin@holyrood.edin.sch.uk.

Parent Handbook

Our Parent Handbook contains a wealth of information about the school, including matters that will be of particular interest to new parents and carers, such as details about school uniform. This booklet has already been issued to parents and carers either directly or via our associated Primary Schools. Information includes:

- Format of school day (timings etc)
- Range of subjects covered
- School uniform
- Transport
- Access to Extra Curricular activities

Transition Visit

We are awaiting guidance from the Council about the format of the Transition Programme. When we have further information on this we will update you via the school website and twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh. We would strongly recommend that you follow us on twitter for important updates.

Starting on 11 August 2020

As yet we do not know what the structure of our school day will look like in August. This will be communicated after decisions have been made centrally by the Council. Below you will find some helpful information and support that will be put in place when your child begins at Holy Rood RC High School, after the summer holidays.

Moving between Classes

When your child starts with us it is likely that there will be designated pupils/staff who will escort P7 pupils between classes. In normal circumstances after break and lunch times, each class/group of pupils will meet their guides, at an agreed place, to be escorted to their next class.

Timetables/Class Lists

It is likely that your child's timetable will be issued to you and your child at the end of June. We hope that this will allow you to visualise what a day will look like once your child comes to Holy Rood. You will also receive confirmation of your child's class. We hope that this alleviates any uncertainties or worries and is a source of reassurance.

School Lunches

We would strongly urge you to fill in an application for free school meals if there is any chance that your child may be eligible. Even if your child never takes school meals, the number registered can make a big difference to the resources provided for the school.

School Buses

Pupils who live more than 3 miles from the school are entitled to a bus pass to travel on the school bus. Parents must complete a transport application form which is available on the City of Edinburgh Council website. Application form must be submitted online before the end of June.

Resources to Support Transition

There are a number of resources on our school website for you and your child to access. These are designed to support you and your child in the transition process and are recommended but not compulsory. You will receive links to tasks and activities related to literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing via your child's Primary School. Resources on our website include:

- Virtual Tour of the school
- Welcome video message from Head Teacher and staff
- Pupil welcome guide
- Parent Handbook
- Example of an S1 timetable
- List of staff members

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school community. If you have any questions, please email Admin@Holyrood.edin.sch.uk and we will respond as soon as is possible.

Your sincerely

J M Daly (Mrs)
HEAD TEACHER