



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

We are looking forward to your child joining our school community in August and we will do our best to ensure that your child's transition from Primary to Secondary is as smooth and successful as possible. Please find below important information regarding Holy Rood and the 3-day visit.

Parents' Guide

This booklet contains detailed information about the school, including matters that will be of particular interest to new parents, such as details about school uniform. The Guide has already been issued to parents via our associated primary schools. Copies for Placing Request pupils will be distributed by your primary school. You can also view an electronic version on the Holy Rood RC High School website.

School Transport

The Local Authority is unable to provide school bus travel for the 3-day visit. You are advised to make an early application for bus travel for August. Information about buses serving certain areas will be communicated to pupils through your child's Primary School. You can use this link to apply directly for a school bus pass <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/support-pupils/school-transport?documentId=11974&categoryId=20105>

Pupil Support

Mr Lindsay, S1 Year Head, has overall responsibility for your child's year group. Mrs Duffy is responsible for Additional Support for Learning. Both members of staff will be available for informal consultation during the P7 Parents' Information Evening in Holy Rood. However, should you wish private discussion about any health or other factor(s) which might affect your child at school, please telephone for an appointment with Mr Lindsay or Mrs Duffy, preferably before your child transfers.

Uniform

In Holy Rood, we expect all pupils to wear full school uniform. Your child will be given a welcome gift of a school tie which will be given out during the Transition Visit. Replacement ties cost £5. When shopping for your child's school uniform, please be mindful of our shared expectations for uniform:

- **Plain black school (not fashion) skirt or trousers**
- **Black jumper/cardigan (no logos)**
- **White school shirt/blouse (i.e. with a collar)**
- **School tie**
- **Plain black footwear, preferably shoes (no white or other coloured markings are permitted and footwear should be appropriate for school)**
- **Dark outer jacket/coat**

The 3 Day Transition Visit

1. VISIT OF PRIMARY 7 PUPILS TO HOLY ROOD:

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2022 8.40AM-3.25PM, WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2022 8.40AM-3.50PM & THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2022 8.40AM-3.25PM

2. VISIT OF PARENTS OF PRIMARY 7 PUPILS TO HOLY ROOD:

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2022 6.30PM-7.30PM

Arrival on the Days of the Transition Visit

Pupils should report to the Assembly Hall in Holy Rood RC High School for **8.40am on Tuesday 20 June**, where they will be met by our senior pupils and staff who will look after them.

Moving between classes

Senior pupils will accompany P7 pupils between classes. After break and lunch times, each class group will meet their sixth year guides in front of the Assembly Hall to be escorted to their class.

School Lunches

Pupils should have a 'Young Scot Card' prior to the three-day visit. The 'Young Scot Card' will allow pupils to put money (coins only) onto their card to purchase food from the school canteen. Pupils entitled to free school meals automatically receive an allowance on their card. Pupils not wishing to purchase food from the canteen should bring a packed lunch which they may eat in the canteen. If you do not yet have your Young Scot card you will be able to pay with cash at the till. You can use this link to view how to apply for your Young Scot Card <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T8iwPR4Wwg>

Free School Meals/Clothing Grants

If you think that your child may be entitled to a free school meal/clothing grants, please apply online school.grants@edinburgh.gov.uk Please note you need to re-apply and this does not continue from Primary. This will not only be of great benefit to your child, but also to the school in terms of resources.

PE

Pupils may have Physical Education as part of their 3-day visit, so please ensure your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear (shorts, t-shirt & trainers) to school. After the first day of the visit, individual classes will be given information on PE kit required for the remainder of the 3-day visit.

Parents' Information Evening

You are strongly encouraged to attend the Parents' Information Evening visit us on Wednesday 21 June at 6.30pm, when you will meet some of the staff who will be responsible for your child's education and welfare at Holy Rood. Please note this meeting is for parents and carers.

We welcome you to the Holy Rood community and look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 21 June at 6.30pm

Yours sincerely

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