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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN THEIR MOVE TO LOURDES SECONDARY SCHOOL

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47 KIRRIEMUIR AVENUE
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Welcome to Lourdes Secondary



Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Lourdes Secondary School. We look forward to welcoming your child to the school as part of our new intake of S1 pupils in August.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some information that may help you to prepare them for the move to secondary school. We fully appreciate that this can be a daunting experience for both pupils and parents and are keen to do whatever we can to offer some reassurance.

The information contained within this booklet discusses some of the most common uncertainties experienced by Primary 7 pupils (and their parents) as they prepare to move to secondary school. It aims to offer some practical advice and support to help them overcome these concerns and enjoy the experience.

We hope that you find it useful.

The Pastoral Care Team

Who's Who?



This evening, you will have the opportunity to meet the Headteacher and the team of staff who will have responsibility for your child's learning and wellbeing in S1



Mr McGuigan
HEADTEACHER



Mr Kerr
DEPUTE HEAD



Mr McFadden
PT PASTORAL CARE

Our Values



Here at Lourdes Secondary, everything that we do is underpinned by our commitment to the values of the school.

- **Love**
- **Opportunity**
- **Understanding**
- **Respect**
- **Diversity**
- **Equality**
- **Support**

These values are an important part of life at Lourdes Secondary, and we expect every member of the school community to demonstrate a commitment to them in their actions.

All young people who leave Lourdes Secondary School will at all times:

- Value ***Diversity*** and promote ***Equality***
- ***Support*** all who are less fortunate than themselves
- Take every ***Opportunity*** to show ***Love, Understanding*** and ***Respect***

Project 2020



Here at Lourdes Secondary School, we have a clear vision of how we hope to improve. This four year plan is titled 'Project 2020' and is founded upon three key commitments to each child in the school.

We promise to:

Love you, teach you and take care of you

This commitment will be visible in all aspects of your child's experience at Lourdes, and in particular in their experience of Pupil Support.

Each child will be supported by a dedicated Pastoral Care Teacher, as well as a MyTime tutor who they will meet with every day.

The vision and values of the school provide a framework for the work covered in MyTime classes.

My Self

Love you

My Learning

Teach you

My Journey

Take care of you

All young people who leave Lourdes Secondary School will have:

- Maximum Attainment
- Profile of Achievement
- A Key Adult who supports them into a sustained positive destination
- The Skills and Attributes to move confidently into the adult world
- The Resilience to deal with the challenges they will encounter
- The Values to make a positive contribution to their world

Easing those worries...



What do young people worry about when moving to secondary school?

The move to secondary school is a big change in the lives of young people, and although we try to address their concerns during the transition process, it is only natural for them to feel a little anxious about certain things.

Some of the things that pupils can worry about are outlined below:

- Being bullied
- Not making friends
- Getting lost
- Homework
- Travelling to and from school
- Not knowing what do if there is a problem

These worries are common, and in many cases, can be quickly sorted by being organised and prepared for the changes that are to come.

Coping with the changes



1. Following a Timetable

One of the biggest changes that pupils will need to adapt to is following a timetable each day and making sure that they know what classes they are attending.

Pupils need to:

- Know how the timetable works
- Know what lessons they have each day

How will the school support your child?

- Pupils will be issued with their timetable and it will be explained to them by their MyTime tutors.
- Pupils will also be supported by senior pupils in their first few days at Lourdes who will collect and guide them between classes.
- Pastoral staff will be on hand to support pupils should they become lost.

2. Organising books and equipment

At secondary school, pupils will need to take more personal responsibility for jotters, course books and materials. This is often a big change from primary school.

Pupils need to:

- Know what lessons they have each day and what materials they will need.
- Know the specific equipment they need for different subjects (calculator for maths, PE kit etc).
- Use their planner to note any important messages and reminders.
- Empty and pack their bag each night with everything they need for the following day.

How can you help them?

- Make sure that they have all the equipment that they will need. Useful kit includes plenty of pens, pencils, a ruler and an eraser.
- Know their timetable so that you can remind them about things such as PE kit etc.

- Check your child's homework planner with them to check for any important notes or homework deadlines.
- Encourage your child to get into the routine of emptying their bag each night and only bringing to school the materials that they need for each day.
- Check the school website and Twitter account to keep up to date with any important events that your child may need additional equipment for.

How will the school support your child?

- Pupils will be helped with their organisation skills and by their MyTime tutors, and given advice about how to organise materials.
- Pupils will be issued with a homework planner to help them record important deadlines for homework and information about school events.

3. Uniform

Here at Lourdes Secondary, we encourage pupils to have a real pride in wearing their school uniform. By wearing their uniform with pride, pupils demonstrate that they are part of the school community and its vision and values.

Pupils need to:

- Understand and comply with the school's expectations regarding uniform.
- Look out everything that they need the night before, especially their school tie.

- Make sure that they look out their PE kit the night before.

How can you help them?

- Understand the school's expectations regarding uniform.
- Offer support to the school by ensuring your child meets our expectations in this area.

The uniform for S1 pupils at Lourdes Secondary is as follows:

- School Blazer
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black dress trousers/ black skirt
- Completely black shoes or trainers (featuring no coloured branding)

4. Getting there and back (on time!)

For many pupils, moving to secondary school can mean a longer journey to school, often using public transport. This alone can cause anxiety. Here at Lourdes, we consider good timekeeping and attendance to be a vital component in success.

Pupils need to:

- Get to school on time.
- Know the quickest route to school and making sure they leave the house with plenty of time.

How can you help them?

- Help your child to work out their quickest route to school.

- Make sure that they have set an alarm and that they set off for school with plenty of time to spare.

How will the school support your child?

- Pupils will be encouraged to be punctual at all times.
- They will be challenged on late coming by members of the Pastoral Care team
- Text message alerts will be sent to parents to report persistent late coming.

Changing Friendships



One of the biggest worries that pupils have about starting secondary school is the prospect of establishing new friendships and changes taking place to existing friendship groups.

This is perfectly natural, and it is to be expected as children from different schools get to know each other.

Pupils are encouraged to mix and get to know each other as they start in their new classes. They are encouraged to join clubs and participate in activities to ensure that they mix and form new relationships quickly.

Contacting the School



From time to time, you may wish to contact the school. To enable you to get the information you require, it is important that you contact the correct person.

Pastoral Care: Your first point of contact should generally be your child's Pastoral Care teacher. They will be able to provide information on all aspects of your child's education and welfare. They are also in a position to pass on relevant information to your child's class teachers should they need to.

As Pastoral Care staff also have a teaching commitment, they may not be available to speak to you when you contact the school. On these occasions, you can leave a message with the school office and your child's Pastoral Care teacher will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Pastoral Care staff may also contact you to inform you about your child's attendance, timekeeping, conduct and progress. Such communication is designed to ensure that your child is fully supported by the partnership between the school and parents.

Absence Line: 

If your child is going to be absent from school then you should contact the Glasgow City Council absence line. If you have to report your child off school for any reason then you should phone **0141 287 0039** and provide the details requested by the operator. This will ensure that accurate attendance information is held for each child.

If your child is going to be absent during the school day for a medical/dental appointment etc, then you should provide them with a note to explain the nature of the appointment and they will be provided with a permission slip from their Pastoral Care teacher.

Communicating with you



The school will communicate with parents in a variety of ways.

When making direct contact with parents, the school will contact you by telephone. It is important that all emergency contact numbers are up to date to ensure that we can reach you.

On occasion, the school may also communicate by text message to provide you with important information about events taking place in the school.

The school Twitter page, and school website are also useful sources of information and are regularly updated to provide information about what is happening in the school, and to share the successes that have been enjoyed by pupils.

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