

P7 Transition Questions

Hi P7s,

Thanks for taking the time to ask all these questions! While things will be a bit different in August I'll answer the questions as best I can. Remember when you do start with us that you should keep asking questions as things will be changing all the time but we'll do our best to keep you up to date. In the meantime, we are so looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Mrs Wilson

Do you know when we will know our buddies?

The majority of P7s will have class buddies which means there will be three or four S6 pupils allocated to look after a class. This will hopefully start on your first day with us in August. Buddies will visit you in PSE classes too so you will get to know them quickly.

When will we get/see our timetable?

Your timetable in August will be a bit different to the S1 timetable you will receive when we 'go back to normal'. You'll get your August timetable on the first day you start with us and hopefully I'll be able to give you your 'normal' timetable as soon as possible after that.

Will our timetable be emailed to us?

No – you'll get your timetable when you start in August.

What about our school ties?

If your primary school is giving you ties then I'm sure they'll organise this but if not you can buy one at ALJ Workwear in the High Street. – *LPS will provide ties for P7 leavers, as donated by the PTA.*

What if I get lost and go to a class late?

You won't get lost as you will have a buddy and staff to take you to each class. Don't worry though – if, by a tiny chance, you do get lost there are always staff and senior pupils about who will be happy to take you to where you should be.

How quickly will I know my way around the school?

There are lots of signs around the school which show you which department your are in. You'll very quickly get to know your way as you will be doing it so often with your buddies as guides.

Is the food good?

The food is great as there is so much to choose from. There are the usual hot meals that you would get a primary but we also have pannins, pizza, wraps, sandwiches, baguettes and pasta.

How many classes do you have a day?

Usually you will have Tutor and 7 classes per day but in August you will have less individual classes as we will be trying to limit the amount of movement around the school.

I'm worried I will be expected to know more than I do because of Covid.

Teachers know that this has been a really unsettled time for you all and that you have all been trying really hard to keep up with the work that has been set over the last few months. We have spoken to all of your teachers and know what topics you have covered and what we will need to help you with when you start with us. Don't worry as we'll quickly get to know where you need a bit of extra help.

Will I get a map?

There is a map in the Enhanced Transition booklet I put on the P7 Transition website. You won't need a map as your Buddies will take you.

Will the first day back be a tour?

You can watch the tour of the school on our P7 Transition website to help you understand what our building looks like. On the first day though I'll meet with you and talk you through how things will be organised for the first wee while.

Will we need our blazers for starting?

Yes – South Lanarkshire Council have let us know that they would still like pupils to wear full school uniform when they start. It will help you feel like you are really a pupil at LGS and it will make you feel part of the school community.

Can we go home for lunch?

We are still deciding what the lunchtime arrangements will be and we'll let you know this as soon as possible.

What are the official start and end times of school?

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.45pm on a Monday – Thursday. On a Friday we start at 8.45am and finish at 1.00pm.

Will I have someone I know in my class?

There will definitely be pupils in your class that you know. Your teachers let me know who you work best with and who you are friends with.

The questions below were from pupils when they completed the P7 Transition Quiz.

Alex asked Does the school have plays?

Yes – every two years we have a school show. Last year we performed Rock of Ages and before that we have done Little Shop of Horrors, We Will Rock You and Oliver.

Lauryl and Lacey asked – Are we getting a visit?

Sadly the answer to that is no. It's just not possible to have all of the P7 pupils to visit but we will have a special Transition Tuesday this week with messages from the Headteacher and our Chaplains. We will also be able to introduce you to all of our staff as each faculty has made a video for you to watch.

Isla asked – How many classrooms are there in the school?

The truthful answer to that is I honestly don't know! There are lots! I will count them and I'll tell you the answer on your first day!

Olivia asked – How much does a locker cost?

Great question – the cost is £10 but at the end of the year you will get £5 back if there is no damage to the locker and you haven't lost the key!

Lewis asked – Can you use the library at lunchtime?

Alex asked – Is there a Netball Team?

Yes but maybe not in August. As soon as I have a better idea of when we can start lunchtime clubs I'll let you know – these usually don't start until September.

Brogan asked – What is PSE?

PSE stands for Personal and Social Education. This class is taught by your Pupil Support teacher and covers all aspects of health, careers, relationships and gives you a chance to ask questions and get to know your classmates and teacher in a more relaxed environment than your usual classes.

Jamie asked – Is the Maths work hard?

Maths, like any subject, should be enjoyable and challenging. We want you to be able to feel confident in all your subjects but don't want them to be so easy that you're bored. As long as you attend all your classes, keep up with your homework and ask for help if you need it you will manage all of the work at LGS.