

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are having a lovely time this summer and that your child or children are enjoying the break from school.

I thought I'd take the opportunity to write to you to give you some information regarding the first day back in August. I know some things were shared with you during a recent information evening, but there's no harm in refreshing the memory.

School starts every day at 9am and all children are expected to be in on time. Sometimes, school transport can run late, but this is rare for most children. Please note, that roads in and around the school can become congested so you might have to leave the house early if traveling by car, so that you can arrive in time for the start of the day.

On the first day back, I'd like the new S1 children to gather in the social space of the school and then make their way downstairs to the assembly hall on the first bell. The Senior Management Team will be around that area and we will direct the children to the assembly hall. A few senior students from S6 will gather with us and then after I have welcomed them and spoken to them, they will be escorted to their classes, period by period.

At interval and lunchtimes, children can buy food from our canteen. Please ensure they have money, preferably coins, and we'll be nearby to assist them with their new swipe cards at the machines. Alternatively, you can make on-line payments for lunches and snacks, this is our preferred method, further details to follow. Free school meals are allocated to pupils' swipe cards automatically after morning interval, but if there is an issue, please get your child to speak to us.

We pride ourselves on the school uniform. Please make sure that the standards are kept high; black shoes, definitely not trainers or anything resembling trainers, black or grey trousers or skirt, white shirt, house tie and school blazer. The school uniform can be purchased from BE Schoolwear (formally Trutex) in Falkirk. Also, please remember that PE kit must be brought to school on the timetabled days. Children should wear a plain white t-shirt (no logos, or football colours), shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers and hoodie if required. On Wednesday please ensure your child arrives at school with their PE kit just in case it's on their timetable. We want all children to start their high school experience in the correct manner.

We have three early finishes every week at 2.55pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The late finishes are on Tuesday and Thursday at 3.45pm. For those going home via school transport, again the Senior Management Team will be at the bus bays to direct the children to the correct bus. Children will also hear more about this at the morning assembly with me on Wednesday.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for choosing to send your child to St. Mungo's High School. We hope to be able to give them a very positive experience of high school and we look forward to working closely with them and you in the weeks, months and years that lie ahead. As their Year Head, please feel free to make contact with me should you wish to discuss anything regarding your child or the school.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer break and I look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Kind regards,

Stuart McKay
Depute Headteacher