



Junior School Information for Day Pupils

The school day for Day Pupils is Monday to Friday from 0815 to 1730. On Saturday, Year 8 is in school from 0820 to 1215. Day pupils are welcome to stay for an evening meal and activities with the boarders but this must be booked the day before and there will be a small charge.

For a normal school day, the children should come to school wearing uniform and with their schoolbags. Please also be aware that we go outside, even when it rains or is cold, so coats are required. Kilt uniform is worn on Fridays when there is a Service. Kilts are also often required for matches and other special occasions. Please ensure that every item is clearly named.

Start of Autumn Term

The **Tea for New Pupils** will be held in the Junior School Assembly Hall. All pupils should wear their normal school uniform (not Kilts) for this occasion and this will be an excellent opportunity to meet key staff before starting school the day after.

On the first day of term, all children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should also bring in their sports kit at the beginning of each week in a sports bag which they will keep in the day pupils' changing room, making sure that all items are named. There is no need to bring in a musical instrument during week one of the Autumn Term. All day pupils should be in school by 0815 at the latest when they should go to their form rooms. There will be guides to show new pupils where to go. All new pupils will be assigned a buddy, who will look after them in the first days of their new school.

Medication

If you have given your child any medication prior to coming to school, please let the Assistant Head Pastoral know so that they can relay that information to your child's form teacher and matrons. Should your child need to bring medication into school, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and handed in to the Assistant Head Pastoral who will pass it on to Matrons for dispensing.

Daily School Transport

The school's Transport Manager, co-ordinates all the school transport including the buses which run to and from the school for day pupils. We offer two bus services - one to and from Forres and one to and from Aberlour. If you would like to use this service, please contact the Transport Department on transport@gordonstoun.org.uk. Further information on schedules and routes can be found in the [Day Pupils' Transport](#) document.



Own Transport

Children may arrive by car and we ask that all drivers observe the speed limit (20mph generally and 10mph from Chapel to Plewlands) as well as the arrangements for car parking. If, however, you are happy to just drop your children off in the morning, you may do this at the turning circle at the front of the Junior School. If parents need to come into school for any reason they can also park at the turning circle at the front door of the Junior School. It is essential that you do not park on double yellow lines as children returning from breakfast could then be crossing the road from behind parked cars. When parking, please reverse park.

Cycling

Some children cycle to school. If your child would like to do this please ensure that the bicycle being used is roadworthy and that your child wears a helmet and high visibility clothing. Please could you give the school written permission if your child is allowed to cycle home on their own to hughesy@gordonstoun.org.uk

Timetable

A member of staff is available to welcome children into school from 0800. Day Pupils may not be dropped off before 0800.

The school day starts at 0820, usually with an assembly in the Assembly Hall. Lessons then begin at 0845 and there are two periods until 'Piece Time', the morning break. One period follows between Piece Time and Lunch, which lasts from 1215 until 1315. Years 1-7 eat lunch in the Junior School Dining Room and Year 8 eat lunch in the Senior School Refectory. There will be Games four afternoons a week and on Tuesday the children have Project time. During the lunch break, there is time to change before Games starts. After Games, there will be time for children to have a shower and get changed back into their uniform. We will also have another Piece Time before afternoon lessons and activities.

Variations to the daily timetable and other information for pupils is posted up on the children's white board in the front hall.

Friday Services

Services are held on Fridays at 1645 in St Christopher's Chapel which is a two-minute walk from the Junior School. We welcome all parents, friends and family along to these important occasions when we can all meet as a community. Please do come along to the Service and join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

Attendance

We hope that your child will attend every day of school! However, in reality, there are of course, occasions when your child may be ill or off school for some reason. If your child is absent from school for any reason please contact the office to let us know why your child is not at school that day. If we do not hear from you and your child does not turn up at school, we will contact you.

Off Games

Sometimes parents of day pupils do not wish their child to take part in games or PE because they might be under the weather. On these occasions, we require a written letter or email from parents, please, to hughesy@gordonstoun.org.uk

Boarding

We would gladly welcome any day pupil in the school to try boarding during the term, when there is room. If you would like your child to board on any given night please contact our House Parent on juniorboarding@gordonstoun.org.uk.

