

# Maghull High School



## Frequently Asked Questions

## General

### How much will **the bus** cost for my child?

It is best to buy a MyTicket which costs £2.20 a day. You can also buy Solo tickets from Merseytravel for a week, a month or a term.

### How do I find out if I am eligible for **free school meals**?

If you think you are eligible for free school meals, then please contact reception. Please also see the Pupil Premium letter on the Transition page of our website. You must reapply for free school meals when your child joins secondary school.

### Can I top up my child **dinner card** remotely?

Yes, we now use 'ParentPay' and you will receive a log in to top up funds remotely.

### How much **dinner money** will my child need a day?

Selected hot meal of the day is £2.40. There is free water available in the canteen at lunchtime. There is an upper spend limit on the cards of £5 per day. You can top up your child's account using ParentPay.

### Will my child be in a **form class** with their friends from primary school?

We welcome students from over thirty primary schools and whilst every effort is made to accommodate student friendships, this is not always possible. We speak to primary schools about friendships and take their lead when organising tutor groups. Subjects are not always taught in tutor groups and subjects such as physical education are taught in larger groups so students will mix with lots of different students in their year group.

### What do I do if my child has a **medical condition**?

Ensure that you give the details on the admission documentation and where appropriate, school will make contact with you to discuss care plans if needed.

### How will school help me to support my child's **emotional wellbeing**?

The school's Phoenix Centre is staffed by three learning mentors and works in conjunction with outside agencies to support student wellbeing.

### Where do I get information about the **school buses**?

A copy of the current timetable can be found on the website on the Transition tab of our school website. If it changes, it will be updated.

### What kinds of **rewards** will my child receive?

We use reward points, which are monitored by the year team, end of term rewards activities and there is an end of year awards assembly. Students are recognised regularly through assembly updates, Student of the Lesson after every lesson, and phone calls home. The Arbor app will allow parents and carers to see all achievement points.

### What does the **Safer Schools Officer** do?

PC Charlie Southern comes in weekly, has a base in school where staff and students can go and chat to him and he comes into assemblies to speak to students about any issues that may be of current concern nationally or within the school or community. He is keen to attend parent evenings and school events, so you may well get to meet him.

## Extra-curricular

### When does **extra-curricular** start?

Extra-curricular activities will start as soon as possible into the new term. There will be a timetable produced and published for both lunchtime and after school activities.

### What kind of **clubs** are there available?

There are a number of clubs in physical education, drama, music, dance, maths, art, English, science and debating as well as many more. There are also competitive teams in physical education and school productions in the performing arts subjects.

### How does my child get home from **clubs after school**?

The late bus arrives daily at 4.45pm so that students can stay back after school. The bus timetable is attached to the transition page.

### Will there be a **summer school**?

Summer school is scheduled to take place week commencing 18 August and every student will be invited. Further details about this is available on Transition website page).

### Standards

#### Can my child bring their **phone** to school?

Children are allowed to bring their phones to school, but they must be switched off and kept in bags throughout the day. If phones are seen by members of staff they are confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Please check our standards booklet (available on Transition website page), as well as our Behaviour and Rewards policies.

#### How much **homework** will my child receive?

Homework will be given regularly by all subjects and will be available to check in your child's planner and on SharePoint. Staff follow a homework timetable to ensure students do not get too much on any given day.

#### Does my child's **outdoor jacket** need to be a certain colour?

Outdoor jackets should be purposeful, they should be warm and waterproof. Students should avoid extremely bright colours. Students should only wear one outdoor jacket.

#### What kind of **school bag** should my child have?

A rucksack bag is ideal, as it is big enough to carry books and equipment.

#### Where can I purchase **uniform**?

We have four uniform suppliers.

Sefton School Wear  
19 Dover Road,  
Maghull  
0151 526 5225

Kids Kirby School Wear  
Kirby Shopping Centre  
22 St Chad's Parade  
Kirby L32 8UG  
<https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/secondary-schools/maghull-high-school/>

Whitakers School Wear  
Southport  
35-39 London Street  
Southport  
Merseyside PR9 0UY  
01704 533 394  
[www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk)

Premier Sports and School Wear  
33 Aughton Street  
Ormskirk  
L39 3BH  
01695 578002  
<https://premierwearuk.net/>