

Laurus Cheadle Hulme

Year 6 Transition 2020 – Parents & Carers FAQs and Information

What are the timings of the school day?

8.20 – 8.35	Registration/ Form time
8.35 – 9.30	Unit 1
9.30 – 10.25	Unit 2
10.25 – 10.45	Break
10.45 – 11.40	Unit 3
11.40 – 12.35	Unit 4
12.35 – 13.15	Lunch
13.15 – 14.10	Unit 5
14.10 – 15.05	Unit 6 (end of school day)
15.05 – 16.00	Electives

Year 7 students will stay with their form throughout the school day and all subjects have their own rooms.

Students should record their timetable and room numbers accurately in their journal. They are expected to learn their timetable and ensure they are punctual to all lessons.

The end of the school day is 13.15pm on Wednesdays.
Students can stay and complete electives until 14.30pm or school work until 4pm.

More detailed information is available at [The School Day](#) on the website.

What are electives?

All students in Year 7 will be expected to take one elective per week. These are extra curricular activities, students can enhance current skills and knowledge or try new pursuits.

During 2019-20 students participated in a number of electives such as:

- Performing Arts
- Lego League
- Digital Creators Challenge
- The Bake Off
- Football
- Rugby
- Cheerleading
- Swimming

What is form time/ registration?

Form time is a very important part of the school day. Every morning students will be registered with their form tutor, they will then give out key messages and discuss behaviour for learning.

The students will have one assembly per week and regular literacy, numeracy and Spanish sessions.

Once a fortnight students will have a personal wellbeing form. These sessions form an integral part of the schools wellbeing strategy which develop the knowledge, skills and attributes students need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.

How does the school monitor attendance?

LCH are committed to promoting the welfare of our students through regular school attendance.

The link between good attendance and high levels of achievement is undeniable.

Staff monitor attendance daily and expect parents and carers to support the school by encouraging outstanding attendance.

Categorising attendance	
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98.9%	Excellent
95% - 96.9%	Good (expected)
92% - 94.9%	Needs to improve
90% - 91.9%	Poor
Below 90%	A major cause for concern

Travel to/ from school

- Most students walk to Laurus Cheadle Hulme but students can also take the bus or cycle. We always recommend that students travel in pairs or small groups and are aware of the safest route to school.
- Students who cycle must do responsibly and we expect all students to wear a helmet. Bikes can be stored in our storage unit and must be secured with a D lock.
- For more information including bus timetables and cycle routes visit [Travel to/ from school](#) on the website.

Houses

What are the [Houses](#) called at LCH?

There are four houses at Laurus Cheadle Hulme: Altius, Citius, Fortius and Magnus.

What House will I be in?

All year groups have 8 forms and each House has 2 forms per year group, all of the students in a form are in the same House.

Students will find out which House they are in, how they can win House points and take part in events during induction.

In September all students will need to buy a House t-shirt from school.



ALTIUS



FORTIUS



MAGNUS



CITIUS

What is the school uniform?

We have high expectations for school uniform at LCH, we believe it is an important aspect of our school ethos. Our students take pride in looking smart and must wear the uniform correctly at all times including when traveling to and from school.

For more information and images of the uniform including the standards expected for school shoes visit the [uniform](#) page on the website.

What is not allowed:

High heeled shoes, trainers or boots,
Jewellery including ear rings,
Make up,
Acrylic nails or nail polish,
Very short hair (below grade 2 shaved), patterned or coloured hair.

What equipment will I need for school?

Students must be suitably equipped and prepared to learn for all lessons, form tutors will regularly check that students have the correct equipment. It is their responsibility to bring this everyday, teachers are not expected to supply equipment for students.

Students must also have the correct exercise books and their journal for all lessons. They will also be required to bring their Food Technology box and PE kit for the days they have their lessons.

They will also need will also need to bring:

Black/ blue ball point pen

Pencils (including coloured),

Pencil eraser and a sharpener,

Ruler

Protractor

Calculator

ALL students must have a pencil case

Where can a student get help at school?

It is important to ask for help and guidance in school. Students can ask any member of the teaching or support staff for help throughout the day, we are all happy to help.

Key staff to support Year 7 students include:

Head of Year 7,
The Senior Leadership Team,
Form teachers,
SEND Support Staff,
Heads of House.

If students need to contact home during the school day they can ask Miss Dineen or reception staff.

During the school day students should never contact home on their mobile phones.

Mobile Phone and SMART devices.

All mobile phones and SMART devices including watches are not allowed during the school day. Students can bring these devices to school but they must be switched off and kept in their bags at all times.

Mobile phones and SMART devices are not needed by students during the school day and items will be confiscated and kept according to the school's [Mobile Technology Policy](#).

Parents and carers should contact reception during the school day if they need to contact their children.

Dining Hall

- Catering services at Laurus Cheadle Hulme are provided by Aspens. All food is prepared fresh every day and we offer a varied three week [menu](#) as well as theme days such as Mexican and Italian.
- The dining hall is open for breakfast from 7.30am everyday. Students do not need to bring money to spend in school, a parent pay account will be set up and available to use from September.
- Students are allowed to bring a packed lunch but can also purchase extra snacks and drinks at break and lunch.
- Parents and carers can claim free school meals by contacting [Stockport Metropolitan Council](#).

Support for parents and carers

The transition from Year 7 is a big change for your child and the whole family, especially during these difficult times. Some children will be moving with friends and classmates from the previous school, others may not know anyone in their new school.

The pressure of new teachers, friends and routines can be overwhelming but by working together we can ensure that every LCH student makes a happy, successful and confident start to life in Year 7.

For guidance and tips for supporting students:

[Transitions and support around School Transitions – Stockport Metropolitan Council](#)

[NSPCC - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice and support for parents and carers](#)

[Young Minds – Coronavirus and mental health support](#)

What things can students do before starting at Laurus Cheadle Hulme?

Staff at Laurus Cheadle Hulme have set some tasks and activities students can do before starting in September. These may add to students cultural knowledge or specific tasks which will support learning in year 7.

[All the activities can be found on the school website.](#)