



Silverdale School

Year 6 – Year 7 transition

‘The beginning of your journey’

For students starting in September 2021



Welcome to Silverdale School

Dear student,

Welcome to Silverdale School!

I am delighted to be sharing our plans for transition. I am sorry it has taken until now to provide this, but we had to wait until we had the most up to date safety advice.

Unfortunately, due to the latest advice from Public Health Sheffield, we are not able to run some of our face-to-face events, but we have tried to make up for this with a range of other resources to support you.

Silverdale is an outstanding school where we are passionate about caring for our students and helping them to achieve their potential.

We have a state of the art building that offers students a wide range of exciting, new opportunities for their teaching and learning experiences. Year 7 through to 13 are able to take advantage of our sports hall, music room, technology equipment and ICT facilities, to name but a few.

We believe that a smooth, positive and exciting transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is crucial to the start of each child's secondary education. The aim of our transition process at Silverdale is for every student to start here feeling excited, confident and cared for.

Moving to a new school is always going to feel a little bit daunting and at the same time exciting. We hope that, together, we can make the transition from primary to secondary school as easy as possible. We are keen to include all students, whether from a major feeder school or students who at present do not know anybody else.

We are excited to have you joining us here at Silverdale and look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, please look at our website to find out more about the school before you join us: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org



Mrs S Sims
Head of Silverdale School



Useful people to know



Mrs Housley
Head of Year 7

Mrs Housley is in charge of Year 7. It is her job to make sure that every student settles in well and enjoys their first year at Silverdale. She will reward students for working hard and deal with any issues with behaviour. She is always there to offer advice and support to any parent or student who needs it.



Mrs Greening
Pastoral Manager

Mrs Greening is the first point of contact for all Year 7 enquiries for students and parents. Her role is to support students, parents and staff, and she works very closely with Mrs Housley. Please contact her if you have any problems or concerns, and she will do everything she can to help.



Mr James
Chief Executive Officer,
Chorus Education Trust



Mrs Sims
Head of Silverdale
School



Mr Horton
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Hussain
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Verney
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Jones
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Pardoe
Business
Manager

Support for Students

It is our aim here at Silverdale to promote a policy of inclusion and integration for all of our incoming Year 7 students.

There is a wide range of staff in the school who are here to support students with their learning, behaviour and welfare.

As well as the team in the Year 7 office and individual form tutors, there are other members of staff who support our students.

Learning Support Team



Mr Dalrymple, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

The SENCO role is to lead on supporting students with special educational needs and disabilities. The SENCO leads the team of teaching assistants and co-ordinates the support required for young people with a special educational need or an EHC Plan.

Regular review meetings will take place with Mr Dalrymple and he should be the first point of contact for any SEN enquiries.

Student Support Team



**Mrs Anderson
Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager**

Mrs Anderson heads up a team who help students who may need emotional support or help with mental health issues.

Integrated Resource for Deaf and Hearing Impaired students



**Mrs Grieve
Co-ordinator of the IR for Deaf and Hearing Impaired**

Mrs Grieve manages a team who run this resource on behalf of Sheffield City Council. Students from across the city attend, with some lessons taking place in mainstream school and some within the specialist classrooms within the IR unit.

Dates for your diary

PRIMARY SCHOOL FEEDBACK

The Year 7 transition team has contacted primary school teachers to discuss the needs of each student joining us in September 2021.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

We have contacted primary schools and parents directly regarding students who have been identified by their primary school SENCO as needing additional support. If any parent or carer would like additional information please contact one of our SEN team:

Mr Dalrymple. Email at: ddalrymple@chorustrust.org

Mrs Zurek. Email at: szurek@chorustrust.org

WELCOME EVENING WEBINAR (ONLINE)

Monday 21 June, 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Via Zoom webinar. All welcome.

Parents and students will receive presentations from the Head of School, Mrs Sims and Mrs Housley, Head of Year 7. The joining details should be included in the mailing with this booklet. You will also be sent a reminder during the week before the webinar.

TRANSITION VIDEOS

To replace the transition days, our teachers will be sending transition lessons to primary schools for students to participate in. Once we have put students into tutor groups, they will be sent a link so they can view the video from their tutor online.

SUMMER'S COOL / SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday 26 July – Friday 30 July OR Monday 16 August – Friday 20 August

A chance for students to meet each other, take advantage of catch-up tuition and take part in fun activities. See back page for more details.

START OF TERM FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

9.15am on Monday 6 September 2021

Students should enter through the Student Entrance where they will be greeted and directed to their form tutors.

Communication

We know how hard it can be for parents when their children start at secondary school. You no longer get to wait in the playground, meet other parents and speak to your child's one teacher. That's why we work hard to ensure you receive regular and clear communications from school.

Email addresses

Please ensure you provide an up to date, unique email address for all main carers, i.e. each parent has their own. This email address is the key to accessing the communication app, **Weduc**. If you have not already completed a data sheet for your child, please get in touch with the school.

Google Classroom



We use Google Classroom to set home learning for students. We also used it during the Covid-19 lockdowns to provide live lessons. Students will be trained in how to use it but more information can be found at: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/googleclassroom

Weduc



This is a parental communications app. We use it to send you direct messages, and it also has the school calendar plus other key documents, as well as a newsfeed. It provides information about your child, such as their attendance, timetable and teachers. We strongly recommend that you use this app, as we can instantly send you important messages, such as information about school closures. We will send you enrolment details for Weduc before your child starts at Silverdale.

Updates/newsletters from the Headteacher

We aim to send out an electronic message to parents/carers several times a term. This includes an update from the headteacher, as well as news about what's going on in school. Please ensure you read it so you don't miss out.

Website

Our website is at: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org

There is a section called '**Current parents & students**' where you can find year-specific information, as well as information relevant to all years.

Social media

We also post news and updates on social media.

Facebook: **@SilverdaleSch**

Twitter: **@SilverdaleSch**

Instagram: **@silverdale_school**

Remote login

The login pages for many of the apps and websites we use can be found on the remote login page of our website. You can get to this by clicking on the Remote Login button in the top right of the homepage or by going to:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/remotelogin

Catering

We work in partnership with Taylor Shaw, who as our catering provider offer a wide and excellent range of freshly prepared food. You can download documents from our catering webpage that provide menus and allergy advice for each term. See: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/catering

ParentPay



Over the next few weeks you will receive a letter explaining how to activate your account on ParentPay.

This is a secure ePayment system that allows parents and carers to pay online by debit and credit cards, or at a PayPoint terminal, for school trips and activities and to credit a student's cashless catering account. It is a safer, more convenient payment system, eliminating the need for students to bring cash and cheques into school.

You can find out more at: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/parentpay

IMPORTANT!...

Please ensure that your child has money on their ParentPay catering account before the start of term, so they can buy food on their first day if they wish to. Due to Covid restrictions we no longer use the top-up machines that take cash in school.

Subjects

Studying at secondary school is very different from primary school. Students will be taught by a range of subject-specialist teachers and will have lessons in classrooms across the school, which are specially equipped for the needs of each department. These include the science laboratories, drama and dance studios, languages labs, and the design and technology rooms.



Students in Year 7 will study a wide range of subjects including English, maths, science, history, languages, geography, RE, PSHE, art, design & technology, PE, drama, music, and ICT.



Extra-Curricular Activities

At Silverdale, we aim to nurture our students' talents and interests. A wide range of extra-curricular activities usually take place at lunchtimes and after school, which all students are welcome to participate in.

Activities usually on offer include:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Bouldering
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football
- Handball
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Coding Club
- Christian Union
- Debating Society
- STEM Club
- Textiles Club
- Art Club
- 'The Dice' – table top/ board games club
- CAD Club
- Homework Club
- Y7 Geography Film Club
- Drama Club
- Boys' Drama Club - theatre production
- Dance club advanced
- Y7 Dance
- Choreography Club
- Orchestra
- Samba Band
- Girls' Choir
- Junior Choir
- Swing Band
- Rock School
- Wind Band
- String Group



The library is also open during break and lunch times, where there is an extensive range of books and graphic novels, as well as board games.

Summer's Cool: booking form 2021

Week 1: Monday 26 July to Friday 30 July 2021

Or

Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August 2021

Throughout either one of these two action packed weeks students will have the opportunity to create and experience a 'Great Summer Fair'. This exciting journey will help students to get to know the school, work with several of their new teachers, make friends from other primary schools and improve literacy. Our overall aim is to allow your child to approach Silverdale School in a confident manner. This is a **FREE** event. **Deadline for booking: 7th July 2021.**

The best way to apply is to complete the online form at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gPDWY6nszw>

Alternatively, you can post your permission slip to: *Summer's Cool Bookings, Silverdale School, Bents Crescent, Sheffield, S11 9QH.*

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place at Silverdale Summer's Cool. (Please place a tick in one of the boxes):

Week 1: 26 July – 30 July 2021

Week 2: 16 August – 20 August 2021

Name of student: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Primary school: _____

Contact telephone numbers: _____

Contact email address: _____

Medical information: _____

Additional information: _____



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