To All Parents/Carers of Pupils coming to Forrester in August 2019

Dear Parent

I am delighted that your daughter/son will be starting at Forrester in August, and I write to give you information on a number of important matters:-

FIRST YEAR INDUCTION DAYS

The First Year induction period will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 18th June 9.00am – 3.15pm (Pupils should not arrive before 8.40am)
- Wednesday 19th June 8.30am – 3.25pm (Pupils should arrive by 8.20am)
- Thursday 20th June 8.30am – 3.25pm (Pupils should arrive by 8.20am)

We look forward to seeing your child on these dates, when he/she will follow part of their timetable and meet some of her/his new teachers. The induction period will also provide an opportunity to sample everyday life in secondary school. All pupils should bring PE kit on Tuesday 18th June as well as usual writing materials and school bag.

I will have visited all feeder primary schools in our cluster before the induction so pupils will know what to expect on the induction days.

MODERN EUROPEAN LANGUAGE

All P7 pupils currently attending the Forrester Cluster Primary Schools (Broomhouse, Carrick Knowe, Gylemuir and Murrayburn) have been studying French as their foreign language and they will continue with French at the High School.

If your son/daughter is transferring from a school where they have been studying a different language, it will not be possible for them to study that language next year. All pupils will study French and staff will be aware if your son/daughter has not studied French before and will take the necessary steps to ensure that they make progress with the language.

PARENTS’ INFORMATION EVENING

We intend to hold a Parents’ Information Evening for parents of P7 pupils coming to Forrester, in the school on the evening of Wednesday 12th June 2019, at 6.30pm in the Assembly Hall.

The meeting will last for 1-hour maximum and will cover the procedures involved in the transfer to secondary. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The ordering of school uniform will be explained to you and sample sizes are available at each primary school to try on.

Please note that this is primarily a meeting for parents/carers but children are obviously welcome if there are childcare issues.
DRESS CODE
We look for parent/carer support to have all our new S1 pupils in Forrester Dress Code on the 3 day induction visits in June and throughout your son/daughter’s school career with us.

Our dress code is as follows:
Black sweatshirt, V-neck sweater or cardigan with the Forrester High School logo
Black or white polo shirt with the Forrester High School logo or white shirt and Forrester High School tie
Black dress trousers/skirt
Black shoes
Plain black jacket or coat
Plain black bag for books etc
Trainers, black shorts/black jogging bottoms and white sports shirts/polo shirts should be worn for PE.

(We actively discourage the wearing of leggings, shorts, joggers and denim and look for parent support in this regard).

Each feeder Primary School will have samples of Dress Code to try for size, along with the details for ordering online. Orders can be placed online with the facility to have the orders delivered to the Primary School. (Please check and select appropriate option). Please be mindful orders take minimum 10 days to turnaround, but in the lead up to the new session can take anywhere between 4-6 weeks. A visit to the school website www.forresterhighschool.org.uk will give you more details if required. If you have any queries or concerns regarding ordering school uniform, please call Forrester High School where a member of the office staff will be able to help you.

LUNCHES
Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide lunch for your daughter/son in the Cafeteria on the induction days. This is because we operate a cashless system and will not have been provided with cards for pupils to use before the holiday. In August, however, each pupil will be provided with an ‘Edinburgh One’ card which they can use in the Cafeteria.

As a result, I am writing to ask you to make alternative arrangements for the three days. The easiest way may be for you to provide a packed lunch which can be eaten in the Cafeteria. Pupils entitled to free lunches will not be affected.

If you have used Parentpay at the primary school this will continue at Forrester, but your child will be issued with a new username and password in August. Parentpay will not work until this is set up.

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT
Hopefully the Parents’ Information Evening will provide answers to any issues you may have about this important time in your son/daughters’ education but if you still have any cause for concern about your child’s move to Forrester, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance. Thereafter once you know which class/House your son/daughter has been allocated to, your first point of contact will be their Pupil Support teacher. (Burns – Mrs Flannigan-Brown, Redpath – Mrs MacPhie, Telford – Mrs Forbes).

Further information for parents – www.forresterhighschool.org.uk/general/transition-to-forrester-high-school

Yours sincerely
Karen Scott
Depute Head Teacher

Please return ASAP to your son/daughter’s P7 teacher.

I/We will attend on Wednesday 12th June 2019

I/We are unable to attend on Wednesday 12th June 2019

Name: ____________________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: _____________________________

Primary School: ___________________________________

Please note: Should you no longer require this placement, can you call Pupil Placement on 0131 469 3032