



# Joining Silverdale School

**September 2026**

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# Welcome

Dear Student,

A very warm welcome to Silverdale School!

We are absolutely delighted that you will be joining us in September and becoming part of **Team Silverdale**. This is more than just a school, it's a community built on a strong sense of belonging, where every student is known, supported and encouraged to thrive. We pride ourselves on our family approach, where staff and students work together to create a positive, caring and ambitious environment.

Everyone at Silverdale is really looking forward to meeting you. From your teachers to our support staff, there is a whole team ready to welcome you and help you settle in. We know that moving from Year 6 to Year 7 is a big step, and we are here to make sure it is a smooth, positive and exciting experience.

This booklet has been created to support both you and your parents or carers as you prepare for the transition to secondary school. It will give you important information about life at Silverdale and outline the transition process, so you know exactly what to expect when you join us.

Over the coming months, there will be a range of transition events designed to help you feel comfortable and confident. These may include visits from our staff to your primary school, opportunities for you to visit Silverdale, meet your new classmates, and find out more about what Silverdale is all about. These events are all carefully planned to help you settle into life at Silverdale and begin building relationships before your first day.

We firmly believe that a smooth and supportive transition is crucial to a successful start in secondary education. Our aim is that every student joins us in September feeling excited, confident and cared for. You will be supported every step of the way as you grow in independence and develop the skills you need to succeed.

Silverdale is an amazing school, full of opportunity. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, through the arts, or in our wide range of extra-curricular activities, there is something here for everyone. You will have the chance to discover new interests, develop your talents and challenge yourself in new ways.

One of the most important things about being part of Team Silverdale is that you will have *agency*, a voice and a sense of ownership over your journey. We will encourage you to take responsibility, make choices, and play an active role in your learning and school life. You won't just attend Silverdale; you will shape your experience here.

Your new teachers cannot wait to meet you, get to know you, and help you achieve your very best. We are incredibly excited about welcoming you into our community and seeing all that you will accomplish during your time with us. In the meantime, please look at our website to find out more about us: [www.silverdale.chorustrust.org](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org).

**Welcome to Team Silverdale – your journey starts here.**

**Mr Jim Smith**  
**Headteacher, Silverdale School**

## Key dates

Over the next few months, we will invite you to meet us, find new friends and explore your new school at a series of events. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have and sample some of the activities that we offer our students.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition)

### Induction evening

**Thursday 18 June, 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

You will be invited to join us at Silverdale to meet your new form and form tutor/s. You will spend time with your form getting to know your classmates.

While you are doing this, your parents and carers will receive presentations from the Head of School and the Head of Year 7. You will then have the chance to meet the Year 7 and wellbeing teams, see how homework works at Silverdale and try on Silverdale uniform from Stitch Factory.

### Primary school visits

The Year 7 Team work hard to visit you at your primary school, so that you can meet them and start to prepare for your move to Silverdale. The team will also discuss your needs with your primary teachers, so we can be ready for your arrival at Silverdale.



### SEND coffee morning

**Wednesday 22 April, 9.30am-10.45am**

If you have a special educational need or disability (and have an EHC Plan or are on the SEND register at your primary school) your parents/carers will be invited (through your primary school) to our SEND coffee morning.

This gives your parents or carers the opportunity to meet the team who will be working with you, to learn about the support available and to ask any questions. This will help us to work with your parents/carers to support you throughout your time at Silverdale.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send)

## Transition Days

**Wednesday 24 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm and Thursday 25 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm**

You will join us for two days at Silverdale School, along with all new Year 7 students.

You will experience a variety of taster lessons, meet your teachers and school staff, have the chance to make new friends and explore your new school.

You will arrive at school by 9.15am each day, where you will be met by the Head of Year 7. At the end of the day, you will make your own way home.

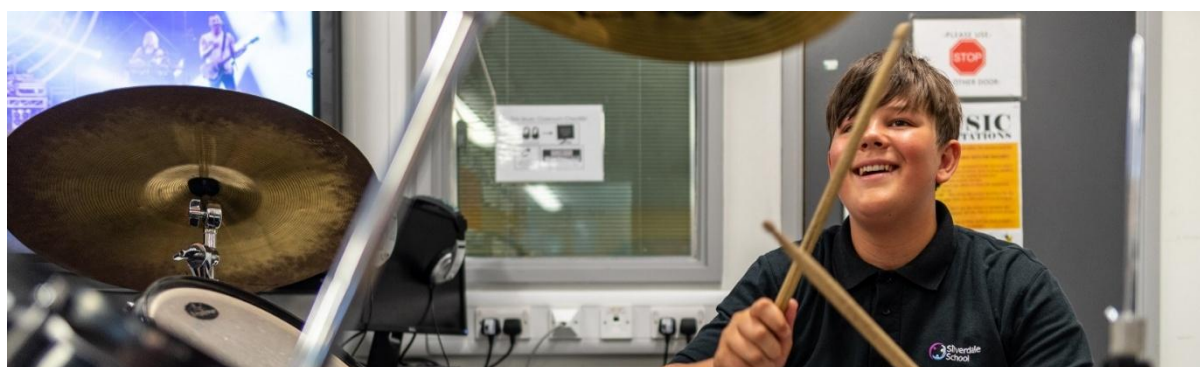
Our Year 10 Ambassadors will escort you around school. They'll be attached to your form group when you start, so you'll already

know someone who'll be able to help you settle in.

To be prepared for transition days you should:

- Bring a pen, pencil and ruler.
- Wear your own clothes that are suitable for PE.
- Bring a packed lunch. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will receive an email to request a packed lunch from school.

More information will be shared closer to the time!



## Summer's Cool

**Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 August or**

**Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 August**

All new Year 7 students are invited to join us for one of these weeks, where you can:

- Gain real insight into Silverdale School.
- Meet new teachers.
- Make new friends from other primary schools.
- Participate in a range of fun and educational activities.

This event, for which there is a nominal charge, runs twice, so students may choose which of the two weeks they wish to attend.

Please note: these dates and details are provisional. We will contact your parent/carer via email when full details have been published.

## First day of Year 7

**Thursday 3 September 8.55am-3.15pm**

On your first day you need to arrive by 8.55am for school to start at 9.00am. Make sure you are wearing your Silverdale School uniform, have a bag with your equipment, and are ready to learn and have fun! We will start the day with an assembly; students will be reminded where to line up outside the main hall.

# Who's who?

## Year 7 Team

### Miss Clemens

#### Head 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. Miss Clemens is always there to offer advice and support to any student or parent who needs it.



### Mrs Tate

#### Pastoral Manager

Mrs Tate supports students, parents and staff, and she works very closely with Miss Clemens. Please let her know if you have any problems or concerns, and she will do everything she can to help.



## Leadership Team

### Mr Smith

#### Headteacher



### Mr Dalrymple

#### Assistant Headteacher



### Mr Horton

#### Deputy Headteacher



### Mr Jones

#### Assistant Headteacher



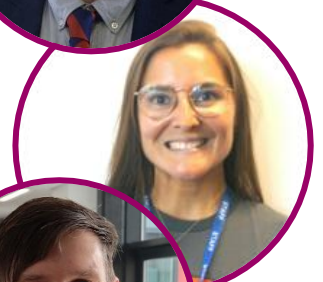
### Mrs Hussain

#### Deputy Headteacher



### Mrs Donohue

#### Assistant Headteacher



### Mr Foster

#### Business Manager



Find out more at [www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/ourteam](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/ourteam)

# Support for Students

There is a wide range of staff in the school who are here to support students. As well as the team in the Year 7 office and individual form tutors, there are other members of staff who are here to help you.

It is our aim here at Silverdale that all of our students feel included and integrated in school life - including all of our new Year 7 students.

## Your Form Tutor

You will meet them when you visit school, they are very excited to meet you! Your form tutor is there to help you succeed in your journey at Silverdale. You will see them every morning and they will help solve any problems or worries.



### The Year 7 Team

Miss Clemens and Mrs Tate are here to help. They can be found in the Year 7 Office on the first floor.

## Learning Support Team

The Learning Support Team provides support for students with special educational needs or disabilities. This team should be the first point of contact for any SEND enquiries you or your parents/carers may have.

### Mrs Brocklesby

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo)

Mrs Brocklesby works with the Learning Support Team to support students with special educational needs or disabilities.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send)



## **Safeguarding, Inclusion and Wellbeing Team**

### **Mrs Pawlak**

Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Pawlak and her team will help you if you need any emotional wellbeing support or help with mental health issues. This team also helps students who require additional support for example: those who are young carers, have an allocated social worker or those unable to live with their birth families.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/wellbeing](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/wellbeing)

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/safeguarding](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/safeguarding)

## **Integrated Resource for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students**

### **Mrs Coates**

Co-ordinator of the Integrated Resource (IR) for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students

Mrs Coates manages a team of qualified teachers of the deaf and specialist teaching assistants 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 specialist classrooms.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/integratedresource](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/integratedresource)

# Life at School

## Ready, Respectful, Safe

You are all coming from different schools with lots of ways of doing things. The Silverdale Way is to be 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. These are the things we really care about at Silverdale, and we will reward you for getting them right. Joining a new school can be daunting but keeping these three things in your mind when making choices will set you up for success!

## School Day

**Arrive at school:** 8.30am – 8.55am

**Registration:** 8.55am – 9.15am

**Period 1:** 9.15am - 10.15am

**Period 2:** 10.15am - 11.15am

**Break:** 11.15am – 11.35am

**Period 3:** 11.35am - 12.35pm

**Lunch time:** 12.35pm - 1.15pm

**Period 4:** 1.15pm – 2.15pm

**Period 5:** 2.15pm – 3.15pm

The school day starts at 9.00am, and you are welcome to come to school from 8.30am so that you are ready for the start of the day.

We start with registration, with your form and your form tutor in your form room at 9.00am. You will then go to your different lessons. Each period will take place in a different room, with a different teacher. You can use the map to find your way around—or ask if you think you are lost.

## Subjects

You will study a wide range of subjects. Your teachers will teach you in specially equipped classrooms. These include science laboratories, drama and dance studios, languages labs, design and technology rooms and indoor and outdoor PE facilities.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/curriculum](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/curriculum)



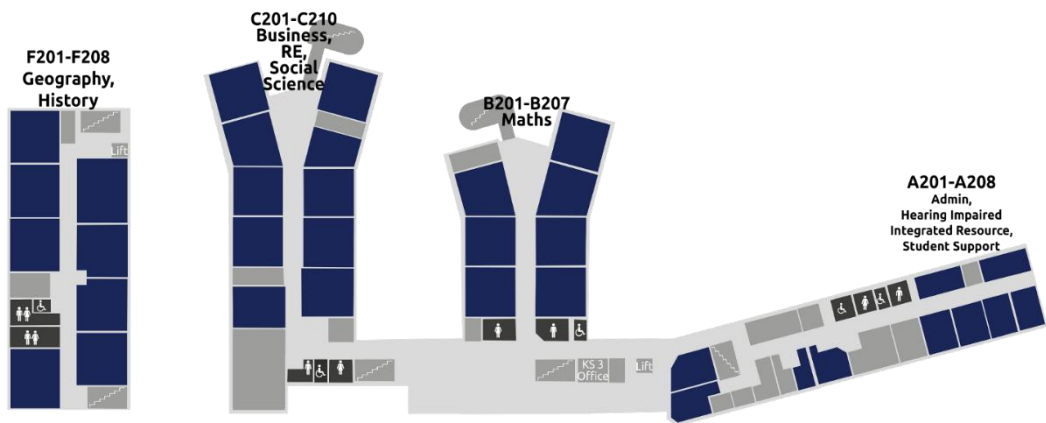
## Lunch

Lunch is a really exciting time of the day where you will get to experience more freedom and choice than you will have been used to before. You will be able to spend time with anyone in year 7, visit our restaurant to have lunch, or attend a club. All students eat their food together in our dining spaces. We offer a fantastic choice of main meals, street food grab pots, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, cakes, desserts and drinks. You will pay for your lunch using your dinner card or fingerprint. You can top up with cash at school, or your parents/carers can upload money via ParentPay.

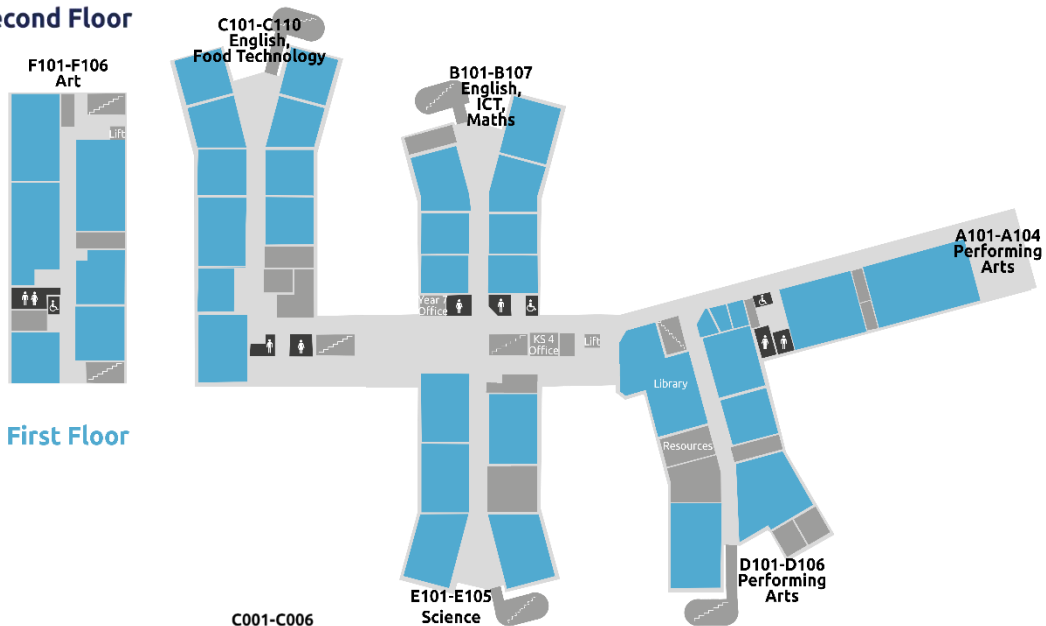
Our restaurant also opens for breakfast and at morning break for hot and cold snacks to keep you going until lunchtime.

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/catering](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/catering)

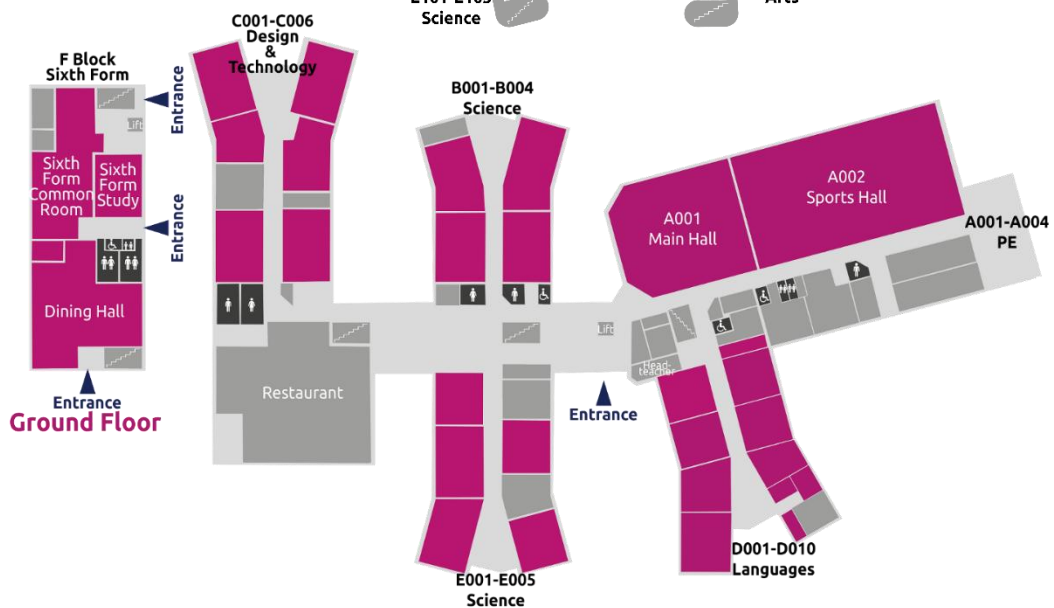
## School Map



### Second Floor



### First Floor



### Ground Floor

# School Uniform and Equipment

## Uniform

You will wear the Silverdale School uniform when you come to school. You can see the items that are required on this page, and you can look at our website for other optional items:

[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/uniform](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/uniform)

## Tops

All students must wear a **black polo shirt with the school logo**. This is a core part of our uniform. Students can wear an additional plain black long-sleeved layer underneath this.

For additional warmth, students should add a layer from the following essential items:

- **Black sweatshirt** with school logo
- **Black cardigan** with school logo.
- **Black uniform hoodie** with school logo

The top layer must be an item of uniform with the Silverdale logo.

## Bottoms

All students must wear one of the three options for the lower half of the body.

- **Black full-length trousers** (must have a fly-zip and pockets; no denim, jeggings, jeans or cargo style).
- **Black tailored shorts** (professional in appearance, not sports shorts)
- **Black skirt**. Skirts should be plain black. They can be straight, A-line or pleated. Lycra or tight-fitting skirts are not permitted. When standing with arms straight by your side, the hem of the skirt must come past your fingertips.

## Other items

- **Plain black tights:** no patterns or holes.
- **Flat, plain, black shoes:** no white or coloured logos, soles or markings.
- **Plain religious headdress** (if applicable).
- **Coat** (any style or colour)
- **School bag** (which can fit an A4 folder).

## PE kit

You will always change into PE kit, when you have a PE lesson. See the website for optional items.

- Black Silverdale PE T-Shirt (essential)
- Black Silverdale shorts (essential)

- Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (can be worn as an alternative to shorts, but must be plain black)
- Black and white Silverdale long-sleeved PE shirt (optional)
- Thermal base layer (optional) – to be worn under a PE T-shirt, preferably black, but can be any colour
- Black or burgundy Silverdale Sport hoodie (optional)
- White or black socks of any length
- Sports training shoes / AstroTurf trainers
- Rugby / Football boots for lessons on the field (optional – but advised)



## Equipment

We want you to be ready to learn when you come to school, so you should bring with you every day:

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| • Your planner      | • a green pen             |
| • a pen and a spare | • an eraser               |
| • a pencil          | • a scientific calculator |
| • a ruler           | • a glue stick            |
| • a pencil case     | • a highlighter           |

## Mobile phones and technology

As a Year 7 student joining us, you should not bring smartphones, smartwatches or headphones to school; they are ‘banned items’. A smartphone is a phone that allows users to access the internet and download apps.

You may bring a ‘non-smart’ or ‘feature-free’ phone in your bag so that you can contact your parents or friends on your journey to and from school.

If you have a medical or specific learning need that requires the use of a smartphone, then please ask your parents or carers to contact us.

If your parent or carer needs to contact you urgently, they will be able to by calling the school reception, who will pass on the message.

## Attitude to learning (ATL)

We want to make sure that students develop the skills and abilities necessary to be successful. We focus on 'attitude to learning' to help them achieve this.

Students receive an ATL grade from their teachers each term. These are shared with parents, and tutors will help students to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

**R** EADY TO LEARN

**R** ESILIENT

**R** ESOURCEFUL

**R** eflective

**R** espectful

Find out more at [www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/atl](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/atl)

## Extracurricular activities

At Silverdale, we aim to nurture your talents and interests. A wide range of clubs (extracurricular activities) are put on before school, at lunchtimes and after school – and all students are welcome to take part.

We expect you will join at least one extracurricular club in Year 7. Clubs are an excellent way for you to try a new skill and get to know new people.



Activities currently on offer include:

- Advanced Dance
- Art Club
- Badminton
- Boys Drama
- Coding Club
- Creative Club
- Cross Country Club
- Dance Club
- Debating Club
- Drama Club
- Excellence Club
- Football
- Girls' Football
- Girls' Basketball
- Hockey Club
- Keyboard Club
- Netball Club
- Percussion Club
- Rugby Club
- Silverdale Voices
- Table Tennis Club
- Talent Show Rehearsals
- Trampolining
- Ukulele Club
- Volleyball
- Warhammer Club
- Youth Orchestra

## The Library

The library is open during break and lunchtime. There is an extensive range of books and graphic novels, as well as board games. Homework club runs in the library after school. Our excellent librarian can help you find books that interest you, or to try something new!



You will have some of your lessons in the library and you can also browse the books online.



[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/reading](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/reading)

### Instrument lessons

At Silverdale you can apply to have instrumental, vocal or DJ lessons in school time. This includes drums, strings, woodwind, brass and guitar. Lessons are paid for directly to the music teacher, not Silverdale School.

To register your interest you can visit [forms.gle/WWSdDPKuLRwxVQvX6](https://forms.gle/WWSdDPKuLRwxVQvX6).

## English as an additional language (EAL)

Silverdale is proud to be a multicultural, multilingual school.

Students and staff at our school speak over 30 languages and nearly thirty per cent of us come from bilingual backgrounds. Our students are the international citizens of the future and we celebrate the diversity that this brings to our school in all sorts of ways.

If English is your second or third language, or where you need some extra support to progress, we have a number of qualified staff in school to offer you support. If you are bilingual, you will have the opportunity at Key Stage 4 to take a GCSE in your home language, where qualifications are offered.



[www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/courses?course=79](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/courses?course=79)



## **We can't wait to meet you!**

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please take a look at the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the Silverdale website at [www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition), or contact us using the details below.

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Website: [www.silverdale.chorustrust.org](http://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org)