

A-Z Boarding at Edge Grove

Activities-

In the evenings we like to take full advantage of the facilities onsite, we use the Sports Hall, IT Room and Adventure Playground to name a few, as well as being in the Boarding House playing Fifa, watching a movie or doing some colouring.

Belongings-

The two most important things to bring are your School Uniform and a favourite teddy! Below is a simple list to get you started:

- School Uniform and Shoes
- Underwear and Socks
- Dressing Gown
- Slippers
- Wash Bag
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Shower Cap
- Mufti

Please make sure that everything is labelled and remember to not bring anything expensive as accidents happen.

Common Room-

On the boys floor Willow is used as a Common Room, with a TV and a pool table it is the perfect place to relax. North dorm also has a TV and a PS4. On the girls floor Beech and Sycamore both have TVs in them and there is a Wii that can be moved.

Dormitories-

Boys- South, North and Willow
Girls-Cedar, Beech and Sycamore

Exeats-

These are weekends when School closes. They last from Friday 6pm until Sunday evening or Monday morning.



Fire Drills-

These happen at least twice a term. Staff will assist in clearing the dorms and you must follow instructions.

Grub Hub-

This is where Boarders prep happens 4.30-5.30pm, as well as Grub in the evening and is a lovely place to just relax all together.

Happy Birthday-

If your Birthday is during term time, then be prepared for lots of singing at breakfast and dinner, most likely lunchtime as well!

Illness-

There are three main surgery times, these are morning break,

lunch break and afternoon break. If at any time during the day you are feeling poorly, you can see the School Nurse (with permission) In the evening House Staff are always available, overnight there are staff in the Boarding floor. There is a doorbell on both the girls and boys floor that can be run at anytime during the night and a member of staff will come to help.

Juggling-

Edge Grove is a very busy place and we are here to help you juggle all of your responsibilities from Prep, to Matches to making sure you phone home.

Keeping in touch-

Everyone likes to keep in touch, we therefore have a Boys and Girls phone as well as a phone in the Grub Hub so that you can speak to family and friends.

Lights Out-

Once staff have turned lights out, then it is sleep time. A pupil should not turn the lights back on.

Meal Times-

Here at Edge Grove we take food seriously and you are never far away from the next snack or meal. All meals are in the dining room and snack happen in various locations in your year groups:

Breakfast 7.45am

Morning Break 10.40am, Years 7-8 by the Astro, Years 5-6 under the Arches and Years 3-4 on Edge Grove Park.

Lunch 12.45pm Lower School and 1.10pm Upper School

Afternoon Break 4.15pm under the Arches

Supper 6pm

Nintendo Wii-

We are lucky to have a Nintendo Wii in Willow and Beech Dorm, this is available for all children to use some evenings.

Other Information-

If you have any worries or concerns then please do come and speak to a member of the boarding team, we are here to help.

Prep-

All children are expected to partake in three Boarders prep session as week, unlike prep in School, Boarders prep takes place up in the Grub Hub and is usually only a handful of children.



Questions Answered-

1. Are we allowed to bring tuck?
Unfortunately pupils are not allowed to bring in any food to School due to allergies. Boarders are regularly given treats so there is no need.
2. What are GAPs?
GAPs are young adults who have just left School and who join us for a year. They are here to play games, help with work and be another person to talk too.
3. Do we have lockers or places to put our stuff?
Every boarder has a drawer for personal things. We have a lockable box for valuable things- although it is probably best to leave them at home.
4. What are the different kinds of boarders?
We have 3 types of boarders at Edge Grove; Weekly Boarders, flexi boarders and casual boarders.
5. Can I bring my phone to boarding?
Pupils cannot use their phones in the boarding house but may sign them in to use for international calls. Speak to staff on duty about this.

Routines-

Here is a basic description of the morning and evening routines

Morning Routine- 7am all dorms are woken up, you are responsible for getting dressed, hair brushed and tied back and then teeth brushed. Once you are ready then you will make your bed and make sure that your under-bed drawer is tidy.

Every week we change the bedding, we will help you do this.

7.45am is breakfast time, Boarding staff will check all of the dorms and when they are all tidy we will all head down together.

Then you will start the School day with Form Tutorial at 8.35am.

At the end of the School Day-Your tutor period finished at 4.15pm. After this there is an activity period. There is a range of activities to choose from and the boarding team will help you (and your parents) decide what to take part in. If you do not do an activity then you will go to Boarders prep. At 5.30pm we will meet you all in the yard to go upstairs to get into Mufti and then down in the Dining Hall for supper at 6pm. After Supper there is plenty of time for activities, before the bedtime routine (see Time for Bed)



Staffing-

We are lucky to have a great Boarding Team here, Mr McManus- Head of Boarding, Miss Dolly- Housemistress, Miss Hughes- Houseparent, we are then very lucky to have two Sports Graduate as well as three Gap Students.

Time for bed-

You will have a snack known as Grub at 7.30pm, this is after you have showered and changed into pyjamas.
Years 3&4 8.00pm Quiet Reading 8.15pm Lights out
Years 5&6 8.30pm Quiet Reading 8.45pm Lights out
Year 7&8 8.45pm Quiet Reading 9pm Lights out

Understanding-

We understand that sometimes School is a little overwhelming, after having a busy and tiring day a phone call home can really help. Therefore phones are available for Boarders to use in the evening.

Value Added-

We believe that boarding really does add value to your School career, being able to bond with peers after School by sharing rooms, evening activities and being away from home really helps you to be more independent.

Warm Welcome-

We like to pride ourselves on our Warm Welcome that both staff and students are given when they are starting out. It can be daunting but we are here to help you along the way.

X-Box-

We are very lucky to have an X Box in North Dorm this is available for all children to use some evenings.

You-

Please do not hesitate in contacting any member of the Boarding team with any concerns.

Zzzzzzz-

We understand how important sleep is for children and that is why we have quite a strict bedtime routine so that after a fun filled evening you can relax into a restless sleep.

