

Info and FAQs for Day Plus at Eagle House

Frequently asked questions

How do we pay?

The cost will go on the end of term bill.

Mornings:

Where should we drop our son?

Eagle House, 9 De Parys Avenue - front door. On your first arrival you will be given the code to the side gate, which can then be used for future drop offs.

Afternoons:

What time should my son go to the House?

When school ends at 4.10pm.

What activities do they do in the evenings? What does my son need to bring?

Activities start at 6.10pm (after dinner) and finish at 7pm. On Monday and Thursday, the boarders go swimming and on Tuesday and Friday they make use of the sports hall. In the summer, this often changes to making use of the outdoor cricket nets and school fields. Bringing a swimming kit and towel for the swimming sessions is very helpful (there are a limited number of spares in the boarding house), and just a pair of trainers are needed for the sports hall evenings.

Information for overnight stays (occasional and flexi boarding)

What should he bring?

Everything your son comes with needs to be named. Bedding is provided, as is all food and drink, however, your son will need underwear, a towel, pyjamas, non-uniform clothing, school uniform, PE kit, games kit, swimming kit, a pair of slippers or indoor shoes to wear in the house, and any other items such as musical instruments if needed. Any regular medication must come with a letter giving permission for us to administer it.

What time do we come to drop bags off?

As the House is always staffed, this can be done when it is appropriate for you. However, just before 8am is a good time as we can then show your son where he will be sleeping, and he can go to breakfast with the boys in his dorm.

Will you assign my son a boarding buddy?

We may well find that your son is already friendly with boys in the House, or that there are boarders in his tutor group. This will enable us to assign your son a buddy he is comfortable with. This is of course, up to your son.

When can I call to speak to him and on what number?

If your son has a mobile phone, he will be required to leave it with us during the school day. Boys have access to their phones from the end of the school day, but the best time to call is from around 7pm onwards. Alternatively there is a phone dedicated to the boys on their side, 01234 403015. There is also the House phone 01234 362278, which is answered by the Matron on Duty throughout the day, and Mr or Mrs Loader in the evenings. Boys will not be able to speak on any phones after bedtime as all phones are left on prep desks downstairs.

What are the bedtimes?

Bedtimes are staggered by year group. If you are concerned about any of the bedtimes being too late (particularly for occasional boarding), please contact Mr Loader.

Year 3 & 4. Upstairs at 8.15pm, lights out at 8.30pm.

Year 5 & 6. Upstairs at 8.30pm, lights out at 8.45pm.

Year 7. Upstairs at 8.45pm, lights out at 9pm.

Year 8. Upstairs at 9pm, lights out at 9.15pm.

What happens to dirty clothes?

Matron will ensure all your son's uniform, non-uniform and kit is clean and ready for use each day (please make sure it is named).

Who will be on duty?

There is always an academic member of staff on duty from 4.10pm, assisted by a Matron. The Academic staff team consists of Mr Loader and Mrs Loader, House Parents, Mr Lee, Assistant Housemaster, Mr Roger, Resident House Tutor and Mr Gilbert, Visiting Tutor, and the Matron team which consists of Mrs Kyle, Mrs Relton, Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Waters on Sundays.

Who is on duty overnight?

Mr and Mrs Loader have responsibility overnight for all the boys. There is a handover from the members of staff on duty every night and boys know they can come and use the wake-up bell at the entrance to the Loader's private side at any time. We also have our Resident Assistant Housemaster and House Tutor.

Who is in my son's dorm?

That depends on who your son is friendly with and which Year he is in. Requests are usually easily accommodated.

Can he have a look round before he stays?

Of course. Please contact Mr Loader either on the numbers provided or by email, eloder@bedfordschool.org.uk

Is there any day plus feedback from other parents?

Yes, Comments include:

(Son) really enjoyed his night's stay at Eagle House. Sincere thanks to you and the boys for making him feel welcome. We will definitely be requesting the occasional day's boarding again and will definitely give positive reports to other parents who may be considering it.

When I picked (Son) up on Friday he was raving about the week at Eagle House I have not seen him so enthusiastic about something in a long, long time, he was bubbling with news and excitement thank you to you both.

(Son) was very complimentary about all of you who looked after him and I think he will be keen to stay again.

Many thanks for all of your communication and support, as parents you made the process very stress free and we felt (Son) was in good hands.