



The King David High
School
Manchester



High School

Parent Handbook 2025-26

Welcome from the Headteacher

Having worked at King David High School for over 28 years, I can honestly say it's a wonderful place to learn.

Our Jewish faith school has a warm, supportive atmosphere where the values of Emet and Emunah (Integrity and Faith) guide everything we do. There's a strong sense of care for every member of our school family. The children are happy, enthusiastic, and form friendships that last a lifetime.

Our well-qualified, motivated teachers know their students and create a great environment for learning. Academic standards are high, with many pupils progressing to Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, and top apprenticeships. We take a holistic approach, valuing personal development as highly as academic success, and offer a wide range of extracurricular activities.

We aim to prepare pupils not just for exams but for life – helping them become honest, hard-working individuals ready to contribute to society. King David has a unique character, deeply rooted in the Jewish heritage of our students. With both 'Main School' and 'Yavneh' routes, we cater to a range of family preferences.

We hold high expectations for every child, nurturing their talents so they leave us as confident, empathetic young adults. This is a school where children thrive in a safe, nurturing environment – it truly feels like an extension of your family.



Mrs T. Basger
Interim Headteacher

Policies

We invite all parents/carers to familiarise themselves with our policies, further information regarding the schools uniform policy and medicine policy have been included below. We would ask for parents/carers to review the policies listed below on the school website:

Anti-Bullying Policy
Attendance Policy
Behaviour and Reward Policy
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy
SEND Policy
Uniform and Personal Appearance Code

Should you require any further information or guidance regarding our policies, please reach out to the school office.

Toilet Policy

Students without medical needs should not use the toilet during lessons.

This is to avoid pupils missing out on learning and to help them develop responsibility for managing their needs at an appropriate time.

If you would like to arrange a toilet pass for your child on medical grounds, please email Miss G Davies with medical evidence on g.davies@kdhigh.co.uk.

Medicine Policy

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of their child's medical needs by completing a Healthcare Plan. These can be requested from the school office.

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to carry medication (except inhalers and epi-pens as appropriate). All other medicines must be handed to the school office.

Written permission from the parents/carers will be required for pupils to self-administer medicine(s).



Online Safety



At King David High School, we take online safety seriously to help students use the internet and digital technology responsibly, both at school and at home.

Our approach:

- We teach students how to stay safe online, avoid harmful content, and report concerns.
- Staff monitor student activity on school systems and ensure internet use is age-appropriate.
- E-safety education is part of the curriculum and promotes critical thinking and safe behaviour.

Risks We Address:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying or online grooming
- Misuse of personal data and social media
- Access to radical or extremist material

Your Role as a Parent:

- Encourage open conversations about online activity.
- Be aware of your child's use of the internet and mobile devices.
- Report concerns to the school or agencies like CEOP or the police.

Digital Images & Communication:

- We use photos and videos for educational purposes only, following strict guidelines.
- Communication with students happens through secure school systems.

By working together, we can help your child enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe.





Mobile Phones

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a system called **Yondr**. Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 35 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that learning and social behaviour improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates without a phone as a distraction.

The Yondr Program utilises a **simple, secure pouch** that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

The price to pay for the pouch is £20 on ParentPay and is part of the King David uniform.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom
- 86% of schools saw a positive impact on student safety and wellness

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to Leanne Finn at 0161 740 7249.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 0161 740 7248 .

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone -in their Yondr pouch- for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch safely in their school bag or blazer pockets.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, we will collect the phone/Pouch and call home:

- The Parent/ carer will come to the school and pick up their child's phone-it will not be returned to the pupil
- A consequences may include: A day in reflection/detention

The cost to replace a lost or damaged pouch is £20 and is payable via Parentpay.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

What happens if a student forgets to open their pouch at the end of the day?

In Yondr's experience, this almost never happens. All students funnel past the unlocking stations at the exits, they want their phones back and don't forget to unlock their pouches. If they do arrive home with a phone in a pouch, they can either come back to school to unlock it, or have a phone free evening!

How quick is the unlocking process?

The unlocking process is quick, and takes under a second per student. While students are still getting used to how to unlock pouches, staff will be on hand with mobile unlocking stations to stop queues forming in the first few weeks. If needed we will add extra unlocking points.



Behaviour

The King David High School Behaviour and Reward Policy acknowledges and rewards the achievements and contributions of pupils in all aspects of school life and is intended to motivate pupils to achieve their best.

The King David High School acknowledges that pupils will not always behave perfectly, and the consequence system is designed to give pupils choices to reflect on their behaviour. Its principal role is to allow pupils to learn in a calm, orderly and safe environment, where all pupils can thrive and make outstanding progress.

All teachers will use strategies that supports learning and builds strong relationships.

At KDHS we use Classroom Climates to help the pupils to understand our expectations .

Classroom Climates



Classroom Climate 1 = Silent with focus

100% of students are expected to work in silence and concentrate fully on their task.



Classroom Climate 2 = Pairs and Groups

100% of students are expected to engage and contribute through questions, ideas and stating knowledge to any pair and group activity.



Classroom Climate 3 = One voice, everyone listens

100% of students must be silent, sitting up and focusing on the speaker with no shouting out or interruptions.

Consequences will be given for negative behaviour.

When a C1 is issued, pupils will have the **Choice** to change their behaviour before a sanction is given.

C2 will be issued if the negative behaviour continues. The pupil will then have a **Chance** to correct their behaviour before a more serious sanction is given.

C3 will be issued if the pupil continues to disrupt the learning of others and **Consequences** (30 minute detention) will be given.

C4 will result in a **removal** of the pupil. The pupil will be directed to the Reflection Room. Here they will be expected to complete a reflection task and be given a 1 hour after school detention.

When C2's are issued they will be accumulated across the week and sanctions will be issued by the HOY.

Achievement Points

At our school, positive behaviour is recognised and rewarded through our achievement points system, which is designed to encourage and celebrate pupils who consistently meet or exceed our expectations.

Achievement points are awarded on a scale from A1 to A5, with A5 being the highest level of recognition. A5s can only be issued by a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Yeshiva Head, in recognition of exceptional effort, behaviour, or achievement.

We strongly believe that pupils should be acknowledged for meeting our high standards. As such, all pupils who meet expectations during a lesson should receive an A1 achievement point. This reinforces positive habits and ensures that consistent effort and good conduct are routinely recognised.

This system plays a key role in building a positive learning environment and promoting a culture where doing the right thing is valued and rewarded.





EduLink One is our main platform for staying connected with your child's school life at The King David High School.

From the first week of term your son or daughter will be able to access EduLink to monitor behaviour, achievement, detentions, timetable and attendance. It will also allow monitoring of pupils' homework. Teachers will begin to log homework for classes online, and this will appear on both parent and pupil EduLink logins. It will allow all pupils to have a digital record of what homework has been set. It also gives the option for teachers to add links and attachments to instructions. Additionally, pupils who have been absent will be able to receive notifications of homework from their different subjects.

Information and login details are sent automatically at the beginning of term. It's accessible anywhere and on any device, and you can access EduLink via the mobile app or on a web browser at any time. If you're unsure how to use EduLink or need help setting it up, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. L. Finn at l.finn@kdhigh.co.uk.

Emails

All students at King David High School have a personal school email address, which is used for communication, classwork, and access to school systems.

Most email addresses follow the format: `firstname.surname@kdhigh.co.uk`

Example: `jonathan.smith@kdhigh.co.uk`

If students have the same name, a number will be added:

`jonathan.smith1@kdhigh.co.uk`

If you have any issues or questions, please contact Mrs. L. Finn at l.finn@kdhigh.co.uk.

Uniform & Personal Appearance

The King David High School believes that our school uniform:

- Is practical and smart
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Helps create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Promotes a sense of equality amongst peers
- Helps identify and represent the school.

All pupils are required to wear the standard uniform and must conform to the following rules. Sanctions may be applied for failure to meet The King David High School standard.

Item	KDHS Standard	Not Allowed
A navy blue blazer with the school badge.	Worn at all times to and from the school Worn at all times around the school School-awarded badges only	Taking it off without permission in the classroom Must not be worn around the waist Non-school badges/stickers
Navy blue V-necked knitted jumpers	Optional	Must not be worn around the waist Sweatshirts are not permitted
Black shoes in a flat sensible style	Plain black polishable only Waterproof (not fabric) Flat Black sole	No contrasting colours eg. logos/stripes/soles etc. Patterned shoes Shoes with heels Boots Pumps, sandals or canvas shoes

Boys uniform	Girls uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tie – to be worn to the neck at the correct length at all times. • Plain grey school trousers to be worn at the waist. • White school shirt • Plain, dark coloured socks • Kippot • Tephillin (for assemblies) is encouraged following Bar Mitzvah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirts must be loose fitting, navy blue with tick pleats front and back, to be worn at knee length at all times. (Skirts only available from School stockists). • Navy blue stripe open neck blouse with reverses. • Ankle socks or tights, either must be plain; navy blue or black (Yavneh – Tights are to be worn all year round)
Boys PE	Girls PE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football boots & shin pads • Indoor trainers (with soles which do not mark) • Outdoor trainers • Navy football socks • Navy shorts • Nike navy shirt with logo (new version from Sept 2025) • Navy blue swimming shorts, Goggles (optional) • Towel & toiletries. Spray deodorants are not allowed (shower facilities available) • Nike sweatshirt with logo (optional) • Nike tracksuit bottoms with logo (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor trainers (with soles which do not mark) • Outdoor trainers • White socks • Navy football socks • Navy blue skorts/navy blue shorts • Nike navy shirt with logo • Plain navy blue swimming costume, swimming cap, goggles (optional) • Towel & toiletries. Spray deodorants are not allowed (shower facilities available) • Nike sweatshirt with logo (optional) • Nike tracksuit bottoms with logo (optional) • Shin pads (optional) • Football boots (moulds) (recommended)

Appearance
Sanctions may be applied for failure to meet The King David High School standard

Item	KDHS Standard	Not Allowed
All uniform worn neatly and correctly	Clean and in good condition Shirts must be tucked into waistbands Sleeves rolled down Top buttons must be kept fastened Skirts at the correct length.	Jumpers with frayed sleeves Trousers with ripped hems Rolled-up skirts
Hairstyles	Natural in colour Smart, neat and tidy	Extreme styles including: Coloured/shaved patterns in hair or eyebrows 'Tip dying' or unnatural or extreme coloured hair Unnaturally coloured braids, accessories or extensions
Makeup	Completely free of visible make-up	Any type of visible make-up including; Fake tan Make-up bag/items False eyelashes
Nails	Natural, plain, acceptable length	Coloured nail varnish False nails Long nails
Jewellery	Wristwatch only Earrings - single plain stud in lower lobe	Hooped, 'bling' or dropped earrings Facial piercings including nose piercings Rings, bracelets and necklaces. No Smart Watches are permitted

Equipment for School
All pupils must bring the following items to school

Item	KDHS Standard	Not Allowed
Bag	All students are expected to carry their possessions in a suitable bag that fully closes. Sturdy and large enough to carry all school equipment and books.	Handbag style Small over the shoulder fashion bags Carrying belongings in blazer pockets
Pencil case	A number of black and/or blue pens A green pen A number of pencils Ruler Eraser Scientific Calculator	Correction fluid Laser pens
Reading Book	All students are expected to have a 'Reading for Pleasure' book for DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read)	
Yondr Pouch	Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.	

School Outfitters

Monkhouse School - www.monkhouse.com
 Mill Gate Shopping Centre, 86 The Rock, Bury 0161 476 7216
 4-8 The Precinct, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5BE 0161 476 7216

PT's Schoolwear - www.pts-schoolwear.co.uk
 Market Hall, 14, Market Parade, Bury 0161 761 1365
 7 New Road, Radcliffe M26 1LS 0161 723 0991

Uniform Policy: Home-School Agreement

Pupils who do not attend school in the correct uniform will be spoken to by staff. School will be considerate and attempt to establish why a pupil may not be able to attend in the correct uniform. A pupil may be offered a replacement item to borrow if one is available; or, pupils may be given an opportunity to adhere to the correct uniform within a timeframe. However, in certain circumstances pupils may be sent home to correct their uniform or parents asked to bring in uniform items.

If a pupil repeatedly chooses not to wear the appropriate uniform and/or refuses to follow a reasonable request, such as borrowing uniform, then we will issue a consequence in line with our behaviour policy and expectations.

Having accepted a place at The King David High School, parents and carers are supporting us in reinforcing our values and high expectations.

Permitted

Not Permitted



Boys Uniform



Girls Uniform



Girls and Boys P.E. – Indoor



Girls and Boys P.E. - Outdoor



Homework Policy

Homework is vital in helping students practise, consolidate and extend what they learn in the classroom. It is also important in developing the independent study skills and positive learning habits that are essential for success in school and the future.

Homework will be set on **edulink**. The amount of homework set is approximately as follows:

Year 7: 3 subjects per day. Total time approximately 1hour*

Year 8: 3 subjects per day. Total time approximately 1 hour 30 minutes*

Year 9: 3 subjects per day. Total time approximately 2 hours*

Years 10-13: A substantial amount of homework will be set.

*These may vary at the discretion of the school.

Homework will be used for a variety of purposes, e.g.

- Strengthening or retrieving knowledge (retrieval roulettes, platforms like Seneca, Educake etc.)
- Practice (questions, exam papers etc.)
- Preparation (research, note-making etc)
- Extending learning (more open-ended tasks, projects, super-curricular activities like those on the school website: Extension Learning Pupil Zone – The King David High School (kdhs.org.uk))

The screenshot displays the website for The King David High School. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, THE SCHOOL, NEWS, CURRICULUM, PUPILS, PARENTS, CONTACT, and VACANCIES. Below the menu is a large banner for the 'Pupil Zone' featuring a stylized architectural graphic. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:** A section with a pink header and a graphic that says 'WE ARE HERE FOR YOU'. It includes text about school closures and a link for more details.
- Extra Curricular List:** A list of activities and support classes for students Y7-13.
- Societies and Clubs:** A list of extracurricular activities including Hilly Lectures, Debating Society, ModSoc, Psychology Soc, and Politics Society.
- Bells:** A section for Bells MS and Y11.
- KS3-5 Support:** A section for Student Equipment List.
- KS4:** A section for GCSE Transition Evening Parent Notes.
- KS5 / Sixth Form:** A section for Extension Reading List (all subjects) and Sixth Form Centre.

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'Reading For Pleasure' and 'KS3: Year 7-9'.

Teachers will check homework is completed. If students fail to complete homework the school will follow this up through sanctions such as behaviour points (C2 prepared (homework)), detentions, contacting parents or carers, homework reports etc.

Teachers may also reward completion of homework or particularly impressive homework with achievement points.

How can parents support students with homework?

Encourage students to complete homework when it is first set and not leave it to the last minute

Have a quiet space where students can complete homework, ideally with natural light

Minimise distractions; encourage students to put their mobile phone in a different room once they have checked edulink unless they need it for the homework set.

Encourage students to try and work out homework when they find it difficult–this builds resilience and independence. If they are still struggling, then contact the teacher in good time before the deadline.

School Photography and Consent

As part of our commitment to celebrating student achievements and sharing school activities, we occasionally capture images and videos of students for use in school publications, our website, social media, and other promotional materials. As such, we are writing to inform you that use of photography and videography of your child during their time on the King David High School campus now requires informed consent, which you either gave or did not give in the application form.

In accordance with UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018, we require consent to use these images. Your consent will be valid for the duration of your child's attendance on the King David High School campus, and you have the right to withdraw consent at any time by contacting the school office. If consent is withdrawn, we will cease using any new images of your child but cannot retract materials already published.



Research has shown that where parents and carers are engaged with the work of the school, their child is more likely to achieve successful outcomes.

Parental Contributions

We would like to welcome both you and your child to the King David and Yavneh Schools. We look forward to providing your child with an environment where they can be cared for and flourish, combined with the highest standards of education. Just like you we are extremely excited about this coming academic year.

Firstly, we want to debunk some myths – in the past there have been some misconceptions as to what parental contributions were being used for. We often hear parents referring to parental contributions as Hebrew Fees or Security Fees. Allow us to reiterate that parental contributions go towards much more and have enabled the school to deliver the all-rounded, top-class standard of excellence up to this point, contributing to each and every part of, and department in the school. It is our responsibility to ensure this continues in the future.

We are acutely aware of the serious rise in the cost of living and the impact that has on everyone's day to day lives. It is precisely because of this that there has never been a more important or pressing time to support the school. Whilst we as individuals have been feeling the pinch in recent months in the understanding that things should hopefully get better in time, an academically successful school such as King David has seen regular cuts to its budget for over 10 years, never mind the inflationary rise in costs over that same period.

Some would argue that the school should simply live within its means, suggesting a school should be able to run on a government budget. We are not here to argue that one can't run a school on a government budget – you can, a standard comprehensive school that is.

Is standard what we want for our children?

Or do we want a school that combines academic excellence with a traditional Jewish ethos? A school with facilities and opportunities comparable to schools in the private sector? We know that's what you want and why you are sending your children to our school.

Simply put, without parental contributions the school will sadly be forced to take measures to reduce the deficit – that means decreasing the number of Teachers and Teaching Assistants, decreasing the range of options, etc. We are confident that we can all agree that is not the direction we want the school to be heading in.

As a community we have excellence and more in the King David and Yavneh Schools, at a fraction of the cost of Private schools. We appeal you to see it as a personal responsibility to help ensure it continues.

For the Academic Year 2024/25, we request £1800 per year (£150 per month) towards Parental Contribution Program.

We would like to stress that, in law, this is of course a voluntary contribution.

Parental Contributions FAQs

How do I set up my Parental Contributions?

We kindly request that a Direct Debit is set up by parents. This can be done by completing a couple of simple steps by using <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0005FZVH2GMS>. Once you have signed up, please email us on kdsbursar@kdhhigh.co.uk and confirm the amount you wish to pay per month and we will amend it.

Alternatively, you can set up a direct debit with the following bank details

Primary and Main school

King David Admin Account

Sort code 08-90-00

Account no: 65034260

Ref: Surname and child's name

Can I Gift Aid my Parental Contributions?

Yes. If you were to Gift Aid your contribution, the school will receive a further 25% without any additional cost to you. Please contact kdsbursar@kdhhigh.co.uk to request the Gift Aid Declaration link/form.

Is it possible to pay Parental Contributions through my business?

Absolutely. For business owners, the school can also invoice the business in respect of a charitable donation with the tax benefits this affords.

Are charitable Vouchers/Cheques accepted for Parental Contributions?

The school is able to accept Charity vouchers and cheques. Whether it is Broom Foundation, Achisomach or any other foundation please get in touch with the Bursar's Office on 0161 740 3181 or email kdsbursar@kdhhigh.co.uk should you wish to do this.

ParentPay

For the safety of children and staff, we prefer not to receive cash payments in school. Payments should instead be made through **ParentPay**.

Details of how to login to ParentPay will be sent to you at the beginning of term.

School fund

You will no doubt have read in the press about the pressures on school budgets and, just as with our families we too at school are challenged by rising costs, for example, **school exercise books and textbooks have risen in cost by approximately 30% this year.**

We are also increasingly making use of online resources such as **MyMaths**, **MathWatch**, **Focus e-Learning** and **Active Teach** for languages which pupils can have access to at home. All these online resources carry a subscription cost which the school pays.

We are therefore asking all parents who can afford to, to contribute £50 to the school fund to ensure that we can supply suitable resources to all our children.

Having access these resources and online services at home will help with homework and is an essential part of supporting pupils with their independent study.

Please support us in this request if you are able to. Payment is through ParentPay at the beginning of the term or can be set up as a monthly direct debit through ParentPay.

Parental Security Rota

Following advice from CST, the Campus has an active Parent Security Rota to provide extra security at the busiest times on campus.

We need your support, now more than ever and we ask all parents to do their bit on this rota which involves 45 minutes (8.15 am – 9.00 am or 3.10 pm – 3.50 pm) whenever you are able.

Ideally, we would like you to commit to a weekly slot, or even monthly slot, but if this is not possible, every parent is asked to cover at least one shift each term.

Kit and training are provided – no expertise or other skills are required.

The role of the Parent Rota is to provide a visual deterrent and to watch out for any unusual or suspicious activity around Campus at the busiest times of day.



Please contact:

parentalrota@kdhigh.co.uk with your contact details and which day and time is best for your shift.

Please do not leave this to other parents – the security of all the children on Campus is paramount.

As part of volunteering, **Mark Isaacs** of **JPS Chartered Surveyors** very kindly continues to support and sponsor the rota for any parent who has a child who needs a place at breakfast club or after school club if this coincides whilst their parents are on a rota shift.



Benefits

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- *Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400*
- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The guarantee element of Pension Credit*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*
- *Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190*

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £900 for your child's secondary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete the form on the next page and return it to the school office in person. Alternatively, you can scan and email the form to admin@kdhhigh.co.uk.



About your child/children

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth			Name of School
		DD	MM	YYYY	
		DD	MM	YYYY	
		DD	MM	YYYY	

Parent/carer details

	Parent/Guardian 1						Parent/Guardian 2					
Last name												
First Name												
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YYYY	DD	MM	YYYY	DD	MM	YYYY	DD	MM	YYYY
National Insurance Number*												
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*		/		/				/		/		
Daytime Telephone Number												
Mobile Number												
Address												
	Postcode:						Postcode:					

Family income and benefit details:

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are:

Yes No Unsure

Please return to school office

If you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box:

Declaration

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/carer:

Date:

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

How the information in this form will be used:

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

Please return to school office

Bus Service

South Manchester

This service is provided to the school by the **GMPTE** Monday to Friday. There are two bus routes: One running from **Gatley (740)** and a second one running from **Hale Barns (741)**.

Children are dropped off in the morning on **Seymour Road** and picked up from **Seymour Road** in the afternoon. The coaches leave at 3:45 pm Mon-Thurs and 3:45 pm on a Friday.

In the winter the bus leaves 15 minutes after closing on Fridays. We are now having to pay for our early finishing days in the winter and throughout the year. This equates to around 17 days and we will now be charging parents £100 for the year. There will also only be one bus for both routes.

Please transfer the £100 to the following account:

King David Bus account

Sort code: 08-90-00

Account no: 65034341

This cannot be paid weekly on the bus. If your child wishes to go on as a one off, please ask them to go to the Governors administration office and we will accept card payment of £6. Bus passes will be given to the pupils who have paid. Please kindly email a selfie of your child to a.whelan@kdhhigh.co.uk.

Occasionally the coaches can be late, but they do arrive so please inform your children not to walk to the met.

The weekly cost for the journey is £7.60 (subject to change) which can be paid by cash on the bus. A day ticket can be purchased. Single £1.00 and return £2.00. There is an option to purchase an all public bus weekly card for £10.50. All this is subject to change.

Each child is required apply for an iGO pass. Please apply early for these passes to ensure that you receive them before the start of the school year. Manchester Council passes are sent to the school a few weeks into the school year. The application for the iGo pass can be found on the GMPTE website. www.tfgm.com.

The timings of the buses will be sent out once we have received them from the TFGM.

For any further information please contact Adele Whelan at the Governors administration office on 0161 740 3181. If you wish to contact us via email please email Adele at a.whelan@kdhhigh.co.uk

1 - King David
2 - Parrs Wood Tesco
3 - Cheadle, White Heart

**4 - Gatley
Road/Kingsway**
**5 - Gatley – Tatton
Cinema**
6 - Brooks Drive

7 - Wicker Lane
8 - Delahays Road
**9 - Hale – Culcheth Hall
School**



School Trips

Educational visits are activities arranged by, or on behalf of, our school, which require pupils to leave the school premises, having been authorised to do so by the headteacher or another designated member of staff.

Educational visits are an integral part of every pupil's entitlement to a broad, balanced, and enriching curriculum. Carefully planned visits are widely recognised as powerful tools for enhancing classroom learning, raising academic attainment, building independence, and encouraging social development. At The King David High School, such opportunities play a central role in creating a well-rounded, stimulating, and supportive learning environment.

The school and its leadership team are committed to supporting and promoting a wide variety of educational experiences, including both reward trips and curriculum-enriching visits. These trips are designed to complement students' learning across subjects and reinforce our core values of personal growth, community, and achievement.



As part of this commitment, the school organises an annual overseas educational trip for Year 9 students. This is a memorable and enriching experience that many pupils look forward to, often cited as a highlight of their time at The King David High School. However, it is important for parents to be aware that this trip incurs an additional cost that is not covered by standard school funding.

While every effort is made to keep the cost of the trip as accessible as possible, participation is dependent on full payment being made by the specified deadlines. It is therefore the responsibility of parents and carers to plan for and manage the cost of the Year 9 trip if they wish their child to take part. We strongly advise families to begin saving in advance to avoid the risk of disappointment, as places cannot be guaranteed unless payment is received in full.

If you have any questions about any trip, payment timelines, or safety arrangements, please contact the school office or the designated trip coordinator for more information.

Please note that if your child chooses not to attend a school trip, they are still legally required to attend school as normal, unless the school has granted authorised leave. Choosing to keep your child at home while their peers are on a trip may result in attendance sanctions.





Attendance

At The King David High School, we believe excellent attendance is essential for your child's success and wellbeing. Our updated policy reflects new government guidance and supports every pupil to achieve their full potential.

Why Attendance Matters

Good attendance = better academic achievement and emotional resilience. Every school day counts! Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks equates to over 3 weeks missed per year.

How you can help:

- Ensure your child attends school every day on time.
- Report absences before 8:00am via phone, email or EduLink.
- Provide medical evidence where necessary.
- Avoid term-time holidays (unauthorised absences may result in fines).

What School Expects:

Attendance over 97% is excellent.

Below 90% is classed as persistent absence and triggers intervention.

Punctuality matters: arriving after 8:40am without valid reason is unauthorised, and will result in C2 behaviour points.

Support Available

We understand attendance may be impacted by personal or health issues. If you are struggling to get your child to come to school, please contact us before their attendance becomes impacted. We have methods that can support you, and we're here to help:

Attendance Officer: Joanna Hipkiss – j.hipkiss@kdhigh.co.uk / 0161 740 7248

Designated Attendance Lead: Paula Watson – p.watson@kdhigh.co.uk

Mental Health Support and SEND support teams are also available to assist.

Consequences of Persistent Absence include:
Reduced chance of future success for your child
Home visits, meetings, and tailored support
Legal action if unauthorised absence continues (penalty notices, fines)

Medical Appointments

We ask all parents to avoid booking medical appointments during school hours where possible. If an appointment must happen during the school day, please log the absence on Edulink with plenty of notice.

If your child is at risk of becoming persistently absent (attendance of less than 95%) you will be required to submit medical evidence for appointments. If your child's attendance is below 95%, any absence for an appointment without evidence will be marked as unauthorised.

Acceptable evidence includes: appointment letters, screenshots, photos of cards, or forwarded email confirmations. Copied and pasted text will not be accepted.

Evidence can be uploaded to Edulink, emailed to the Attendance Officer, or handed in as a paper copy via gate security.

If your child has a medical condition requiring frequent appointments, a one-off letter from a doctor or consultant confirming this may be accepted instead - please contact the Attendance Officer if you believe this applies.

This process helps us record attendance fairly and meet our safeguarding duties. It is your responsibility to provide evidence. Thank you for your support in helping us give your child the best chance to thrive.

FAQs

What if I forget to upload the evidence at the time?

You can email it to the office or drop off a copy at reception later.

Is a screenshot from the NHS app okay?

Yes - as long as it shows your child's name and appointment details.

What if the appointment was last-minute and I don't have a letter?

A screenshot or message forward is fine. If unsure, just ask.

Can I just tell the school it was a medical appointment?

If attendance is below 95%, we must see evidence or mark the absence as unauthorised.

What does unauthorised absence mean?

It means the absence doesn't meet our attendance policy and may be flagged to the local authority if it becomes a pattern.



j.hipkiss@kdhigh.co.uk

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Mrs J. Hipkiss - Attendance Officer

Safeguarding

We want the King David High School to be a safe place for everyone. Staff in school will do everything they can to make sure pupils are protected and happy.

Staff in school know that Safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect pupils from harm.
- Make sure nothing stops them being healthy or developing properly.
- Make sure they are safely looked after.
- Make sure they have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

Staff agree that to look after pupils, they will:

- Make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in – somewhere they want to be.
- Be there for them to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- Give them safe messages in their lessons to help them learn how to look after themselves, both online and in the real world.

All the staff at KDHS will do their best to make sure the building is safe for your child to learn in and spend time in. We will make sure that we know who everyone is in the school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with children on their own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff.

Who to Contact:

Mrs P. Watson
Assistant Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
P.Watson@kdhigh.co.uk
Office: Senior Leadership Corridor



Mrs L. Brown
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
L.Brown@kdhigh.co.uk
Office and Safe Space: 1st Floor Drama Block



Mr G. Leventhall and Mrs J. Burberry
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)
G.Leventhall@kdhigh.co.uk
J.Burberry@kdhigh.co.uk
Offices in Yavneh Boys and Yavneh Girls



Music Tuition

The music department offers the following:

Individual and group lessons

- Woodwind – Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Oboe, Saxophone.
- Brass – Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tenor Horn.
- Strings – Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass.
- Voice.
- Guitar – Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar.

Individual lessons only

- Piano.
- Percussion-Drum Kit.



Lessons

Lessons last half an hour (both individual and group).

Lessons are taught during the school day on a rotational basis to minimise repeated absence from a single subject lesson. Only GCSE and A-level students are given fixed lesson times.

Timetables are displayed on the notice board in the music block from the beginning of each half term. Updates to times will be posted on the notice board.

Lessons missed due to pupil absence or school trips will not be re-scheduled.

Lessons missed due to staff absence will be re-scheduled if it would result in less than 30 lessons per year.

Pupils may be offered individual lessons if there are not enough students to form a group.

For further information on lessons, please contact Mr Rushworth on c.rushworth@kdhigh.co.uk.

Instruments

Pupils must provide their own instrument for lessons and bring it each week.

We have a small selection of instruments available to borrow from school (mainly for year 7 pupils), please contact the music department for further information.

Pupils may be asked to return instruments if they have been borrowed for over one year if required for new starters.

Pupils are responsible for the upkeep and repair of instruments that have been borrowed from school.

Any repairs required for an instrument that has been returned in a damaged condition will be charged to parents.

Pupils must:

- Practice regularly and as their teacher advises.
- Check the music notice board at least weekly to check their lesson time.
- Excuse themselves at the beginning of school classes before their music lesson.
- Label their instrument cases and music folders.
- Store instruments in the locked facilities provided.
- Take their instrument home on the day of their lesson. The school cannot except responsibility for instruments left outside of normal school hours.
- Take part in at least one of the school ensembles. The school heavily subsidises lesson fees, so it is expected that all pupils contribute to the musical life of the school.

The fine print:

- Parents must sign up to Music Lessons via ParentPay. Lessons will not be scheduled until parents have signed and paid for at least the first term of lessons. To cancel lessons a notice period of one half-term (approximately 6 weeks) is required. Please submit a request in writing to c.rushworth@kdhigh.co.uk otherwise full payment for the term will be incurred.
- All lessons will be offered on a first come-first-served basis. If an instrument is oversubscribed a waiting list will be started.
- Pupils may study up to two instruments in school, as long as academic work does not suffer.



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Holiday List 2025/2026

Term Begins

School Closes (pm)

School Re-opens (am)

		Monday 1st September 2025 Years 7 return Year 12/13 register
		Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Whole school return
Rosh Hashana	Monday 22nd September	Thursday 25th September 2025
Yom Kippur	Wednesday 1st October	Friday 3rd October 2025
Succot	Friday 3rd October	Monday 20th October
Winter Holiday	Friday 19th December	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Friday 13th February	Tuesday 24th February
Pesach	Friday 27th March	Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday	Friday 1st May	Tuesday 5th May
Shavuot/Half Term	Thursday 21st May	Monday 1st June
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 21st July	

Please note the following days school is open for staff training only:

Thursday 28th August 2025

Friday 29th August 2025

Friday 17th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Early Closing Times

Rosh Hashana	Monday 22nd September 2025	1.30
Yom Kippur	Wednesday 1st October	1.30
Shabbat	Friday 31st October to Friday 7th November	2.00
Shabbat	Friday 14th November to Friday 9th January	1.30
Shabbat	Friday 16th January to Friday 23rd January	2.00
Shabbat	Friday 30th January to Friday 13th February	2.30
Shabbat	Friday 27th February	3.00
Shavuot	Thursday 21st May	1.30
School Closes	Tuesday 21st July	1.30

These arrangements are subject to alteration.

Please note that dates may differ with the Primary School.