

Handout for Faculty with Children

The following information will help families enjoy living in the college community of Dalkeith House.

Most important to keep in mind is that Dalkeith House is a school where students, who have paid tuition and room and board, live and study. It is a very large house with over 100 rooms. Children, who are not carefully monitored and kept busy, can get lost, cause privacy issues and security risks. There is also the possibility of violating Scottish law (Food Safety Act, 1990) as it pertains to food prep hygiene.

Dalkeith House is a wonderful, communal living environment when everyone involved is considerate of everyone else. Guidelines (The Residential Services Contract) for communal living provided to students are expected to be followed by everyone living in the house. While occasionally there will be house activities and outings in which you and your child (ren) may be invited to participate, priority will be given to students, especially when funding or resources for such activities are limited and have been paid for by students.

Parents, who have enjoyed living here with their child(ren), have found it important to ensure their child(ren) is/are kept occupied with school and other activities which are numerous and easily accessible. It can be easy to rely, consciously or not, on students as playmates which is unfair to both children and students. The limited recreational resources provided for student use in the house may certainly be shared on occasion by children, if age appropriate, but the use should always be monitored by parents.

Recreational opportunities that exist outside the house include miles of wonderful walking and biking trails through a beautiful, wooded estate with two rivers and awesome trees and plants, an Adventure Playground, farm animals, a local library and art centre and Dobbie's Butterfly World which provides an opportunity to interact with all sorts of reptiles and insects.

Edinburgh offers all that any large city does and is only 30 minutes by bus from the house. The city itself is unique and fun to explore. There are numerous galleries and museums of all sorts which are mostly free. There is a zoo, a Sea World and the Botanical Gardens well worth exploring more than once. Two crystal factories where visitors can watch glass making, ghost tours of old town Edinburgh, castle ruins, Our Dynamic Earth an interactive geographical history, the Commonwealth Pool a leisure centre and health club, and much more.

We hope your family will take advantage of what the area has to offer and enjoy your stay in Dalkeith House.

Dalkeith Area
Primary and Secondary Schools
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Primary Schools

King's Park Primary School
20 Croft Street
Dalkeith, Scotland EH22 3BA
131 663 2414
ps@midlothian.gov

Head teacher: Mr. Iain Dalglish

This is a two stream school (i.e., it has two classes at each stage). It is the biggest primary in Midlothian with roughly 400 pupils at primary stage and a nursery of 120 children.

Bonnyrigg Primary School
Cockpen Road
Bonnyrigg, Scotland EH19
131 663 7784

ps@midlothian.gov

Head teacher: Mrs. Mary Stephenson

Woodburn Primary School
10 Salters Road
Dalkeith, Scotland EH22 2DG
131 663 2556

ps@midlothian.gov

Head teacher: Mr. Robert McLean

This is also a two stream school with around 350 primary children.

St. David's RC Primary School
Kippielaw, Lauder Road
Dalkeith, Scotland EH22 2PU
131 663 2002

ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Head teacher: Mrs. Anne Marie Hepburn

This is a single stream school with one class at each stage.

Secondary Schools

St. David's RC High School
1 Cousland Road
Dalkeith, Scotland EH22
131 654 4702
hs@midlothian.gov.uk
Head teacher: Mrs. Marian Docherty

Dalkeith High School
2 Cousland Road
Dalkeith, Scotland EH22
131 654 4701
hs@midlothian.gov
Head teacher: Mrs. Liz Wozniak

These two secondary schools share a campus.