

P7-S1 2021 Transition



Dear parent and carer,

20 May 2021

In light of updated Scottish Government guidance on P7 to S1 transition arrangements (released on Monday 17 May), we are really pleased to be able to offer in-person P7 visits to the high school as a supplement to our online transition activities (scheduled to take place on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June).

Scottish Government guidance stipulates that in-person transition visits must adhere to the Covid-19 mitigation practices that are in place in both primary and secondary school settings. This means, therefore, that P7 pupils will be visiting the high school in their class bubble, and must wear a face covering throughout their time in the high school building (see summary of mitigation measures below).

The timings of the visits are detailed below:

Day	Time	Group	Tour guides
Tuesday 25 May	08.50 - 10.05	7T	Mr Orr & Ms Hume
Tuesday 25 May	10.35 - 11.50	7B	Mr Burgess & Mrs McLeod
Tuesday 25 May	12.45 - 14.00	7K	Mr Stebbing & Ms Shepherd
Tuesday 25 May	14.15 - 15.30	7S	Mrs Casson & Ms Hume

Tuesday 25 May is one of two additional INSET days that have been allocated to Scottish secondary schools for delivery of the National Qualification Alternative Certification Model. Primary 7 pupils will be getting a full tour of the high school when no other pupils are in the building, therefore.

This visit will be an opportunity for pupils to get a feel for the school building, and to meet some of the teachers and support staff who work in the high school.

Summary of mitigation measures

- Primary staff should drop-off and collect pupils at the main entrance of the school.
As per Scottish Government guidance:

*'...unless absolutely necessary to the wellbeing of the children involved, the primary school staff and other adults would not accompany P7 pupils on transition visits'. **

- P7 pupils must wear face coverings in the high school building and hand sanitise on entry:

*'P7 pupils who participate in an in-person transition event at secondary school will be expected to follow the guidance for S1 secondary school pupils.' **

** Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on reducing the risks in schools (updated 17 May)*

We are really looking forward to welcoming our soon-to-be S1 pupils to the high school, both in-person and virtually, over the course of the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,

Fraser McCallum (DHT)

P7/S1 Virtual Transition Days

Thursday 10 and 11 June

Action	Comment
Thursday 3 June	Information video sent to parent and carers.
Wednesday 9 June	<p>All P7 pupils will receive an invite to a Google Classroom called 'S1 Home Class' on Wednesday evening. This invite can be accessed through pupils' Edubuzz email accounts.</p> <p>On arrival into the Googleclassroom, there will be an introduction from Depute Head Teacher Fraser McCallum.</p> <p>S1 Home Class will be a place for ongoing communication to P7 pupils about life in the high school as an S1 pupil.</p>
Thursday 10 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Googlemeets with Mrs Rodger and Mr McCallum • Live virtual lessons: Literacy and Health and Wellbeing
Friday 11 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live virtual lessons: Social Subjects and Design & Technology
Monday 14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Googleclassrooms will be set up for new S1 Tutor Groups*. Pupils will receive their invite on Monday evening via their Edubuzz email. Through these Tutor Group Googleclassrooms, S1 Tutors and Guidance Teachers will be able to introduce themselves to the P7 pupils who will be in their Tutor Group. <p>Some 'getting to know you' activities will be communicated via Tutors and Guidance Teachers.</p>
<p>* Through enrolment into their Tutor Group Google Classroom, pupils will know what House and Tutor Group class they have been put in. Some subjects at the high school teach pupils in the same groupings as their Tutor Group: English, Humanities, and Modern Languages. Because 'practical' subjects like Science, Art, Craft Design and Technology are taught with a maximum class size of 20, the composition of these classes are a bit different. Pupils will find out what practical group they are in when they are given their full school timetable during their S1 induction in August.</p>	