

Gillespie's Games 2020 – Invitation Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is warmly invited to Active Schools 'Gillespie's Games' virtual event on **Monday 15 June**.

I write to you with information on the purpose, timetable and resources of this home-based event.

Please note: full information will be live on Friday at www.jamesgillespies.co.uk/p7-transition-2020/.

PURPOSE

The Gillespie's Games event launches transition week each year, with a day of fun taster sessions to give new S1 pupils a flavour of JGHS extra-curricular opportunities on offer through Active Schools. It also provides a positive environment to help pupils make new friends from other Primary schools. This year's event will be slightly different. However, the vision remains the same – to introduce pupils to a High School life of opportunity at James Gillespie's through the lens of physical activity and sport.

We understand that under these currently challenging circumstances, keeping your child(ren) engaged and motivated with school is difficult. This year the activities and timings are designed to be flexible. However, we encourage your child to participate as fully as is possible in your own home.

TIMETABLE

11 am	Opening Ceremony	(creative pen and paper activity)
11:30 am	Gillespie's Games	Athletics Basketball Dance Football Netball
2 pm	Medal Ceremony	(creative pen and paper activity)

RESOURCES your child will need to participate

- ✓ **Internet access** to school website (link above) – short videos demonstrate each challenge
- ✓ **P.E. Kit** or comfortable leisure clothing
- ✓ **Water** bottle (and a snack as the event runs during lunchtime)
- ✓ **Paper, coloured pens** (plus optional scissors and tin foil)
- ✓ **Socks** (ideally 3-5 pairs rolled up)
- ✓ **Ball** (e.g. football/netball/soft or sponge ball)

If you would like to, please share any pictures or videos of your child participating in the event on Twitter by tagging the official Twitter accounts of JGHS ([@GillespieHigh](https://twitter.com/GillespieHigh)) and Active Schools ([@ActiveSchoolsED](https://twitter.com/ActiveSchoolsED)), using the hashtag **#GillespiesGames**. This is purely optional, at your discretion.

Please ensure that any activity your child chooses to do outside of the home is in line with current Government guidance on Covid-19 and social distancing measures ([click here for Scot Gov website](#)). The health and wellbeing of pupils at James Gillespie's High School is our utmost priority.

I appreciate this is an unprecedented time for you as a parent. If you would like to chat further about how best to support your child in keeping physically active, please do drop me a line or give me a call.

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