

May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to share our revised plan for primary 7 pupils transitioning to Kilmarnock Academy. Kilmarnock Academy staff very much looked forward to welcoming P7s into our school in May for three days to follow their S1 timetable. Unfortunately, we now know this will not be possible. We understand that parents/carers and young people may be anxious about transition given the current situation but we want to reassure you that we are working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that all P7s are supported. Mrs Wallace is currently working on the new S1 classes.

In terms of moving forward with transition, we are now proceeding with a virtual transition and we hope the following plan will offer some reassurance and allow you to engage with Kilmarnock Academy:

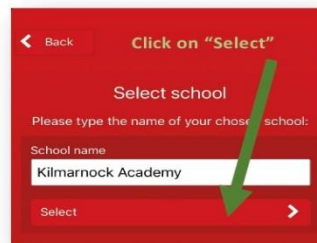
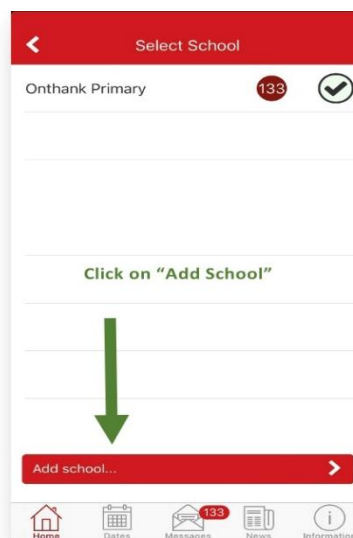
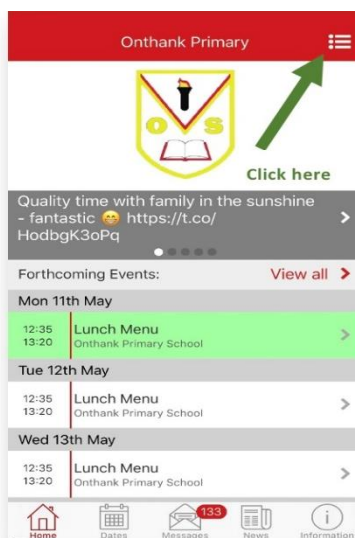
Date	Transition Activity
Wednesday 27 th May 2020	Video released from Mr Rose and Mrs Wallace welcoming you to Kilmarnock Academy.
Thursday 28 th May 2020	Virtual video tour of Kilmarnock Academy.
Friday 29 th May	Video released from Kilmarnock Academy departments and current S1 pupils.
June 2020	S1 timetables, maps and class information sent to parents/carers.

We recognise that starting S1 is a major milestone for you and that this year our P7s face a unique challenge. However, Kilmarnock Academy has a hugely experienced and skilled Pupil Support team who will support pupils every step of the way. When your son/daughter starts S1, we will ensure many supports are in place including S6 guides to help them find their way. We will also arrange earlier intervals and lunches to ensure they find their feet in a busy school. We would also like to take this opportunity to reassure you and to remind pupils that transition started in October 2019 and that all pupils have heard a great deal about the school in presentations from Mrs Wallace and myself both in their primary schools and at our information evening in Kilmarnock Academy back in December 2019. And who can forget our excellent P7 Science day in February 2020 where all P7s spent an exciting and fun day in the Science department.

We will communicate any further information to you as soon as we have it and we will do this in a number of ways. We have set up a page on our Glow blog for '**Primary 7 Transition**'. You will find this in a drop-down menu under the '**School Information**' heading. In addition, we will share any information and all videos on our Twitter page [@WMCKilmarnockAc](https://twitter.com/WMKilmarnockAc) and also on the **Kilmarnock Academy app** which you can download by scanning the QR code below or downloading "School App for Parents". The school app is our main way of communicating with our school community so if anything please familiarise yourself with this in the first



instance and then our Glow blog. If you already have the app, you can simply add Kilmarnock Academy following the instructions below:



We look forward to welcoming your young people to Kilmarnock Academy in the future and would urge you to keep abreast of school developments using the above methods. In this uncertain time things can change, adapt and develop at short notice. I will be in touch via the school app if there are any changes or enhancements the school can make on the above initial plan. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns. You can contact Mrs Wallace directly at: Claire.Wallace2@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



David Rose
Head Teacher