

## Robert Burns Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds both you and your family safe and well.

I am writing to you to provide information on our school's P7 transition arrangements for 2022/23. This is a very exciting time for many of the young people in P7 as they enter their last few months of primary school, but it can also be unsettling for many, including parents and carers.

I would like to share with you some key dates and information:

### Pupils with additional support needs

Pupils with additional support needs will have a review meeting to discuss their transition to secondary school, a relevant member of staff from our school will attend each meeting. Some of these meetings have already taken place, those remaining will be carried out in Jan / Feb 2023. Your child's current school will organise a time for this.

In addition to these arrangements we will continue to work in partnership with our Homelink Workers to support our pupils who are part of our Enhanced Transition Programme. This programme is designed to give some of our young people the extra support they require in making the transition to secondary school.

### Preparation for secondary school life

A key feature of our transition programme is our visits to each primary school, once per term. During these visits, I will be accompanied by one of our Guidance Teachers and we will complete a variety of tasks that are designed for us to get to know your child better, and highlight the key information they need to be aware of when moving to secondary school.

During the last term each school will be provided with a unit of work designed by our staff to introduce each subject from our S1 curriculum. This work will be supplemented with virtual class visits and interactive presentations from our staff.

### Visits to The Robert Burns Academy

In March, each school will be given the chance to visit The Robert Burns Academy to meet with me and a member of the Guidance Team for a tour of the school. This will allow them to familiarise themselves with the building before their transition days.

In June we will offer all P7 pupils two transition days. This will allow them to join their new S1 classmates and experience two days of their new S1 timetable before the end of term. The transition days will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be preceded by an

information evening for pupils, parents and carers on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**, I will send you more information on the format of this evening closer to the time.

I am in regular contact with your child's primary school and we will continue to liaise with each other to enhance this experience wherever possible. I will write to you again at the beginning of the last school term to provide further details of the information evening and transitions days. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to direct any questions regarding the content of this letter to me directly, or through your primary school.

Best wishes

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