

Giffnock Primary School



P7 Transition Experiences: 2021-2022

Dear Parent/Carer.

Primary 7 is an exciting and special year for all of our children. As an important part of this, transition activities aim to smooth the journey towards high school and make the move into a secondary environment more comfortable and successful. Some of these transition activities will be personalised to meet the needs of our children, however most of them will be accessed by all of our children. Although we plan with our Woodfarm High School colleagues we ensure that the skills and experiences are transferrable to whatever final secondary destination our children pursue.

Throughout the course of this session your child will be involved in the following events and opportunities. We remind you that further documentation will be made available from East Renfrewshire Council around December time so that all families can submit their application for Woodfarm High School should they wish to apply for a place there; regardless of address, you must apply if this is your intention. Confirmation of your child's place at Woodfarm High School is shared by East Renfrewshire Council directly with parents at a later date towards the end of session.

So far this year our children have enjoyed Woodfarm teachers delivering experiences in both PE and Music, with Urdu lessons being delivered next term. As we look forwards the following experiences are planned, however as you will appreciate these may be subject to change according to national Health & Safety guidelines in relation to Covid-19, so we will continue to keep you abreast of any changes should and when these happen.

Terms	Proposed dates	Event
1 August to December 2021	September and ongoing	Music Department: Woodfarm music teacher(s) lessons at Giffnock (Ukulele/ instrument)
	September and ongoing	PE Department: Woodfarm PE teacher(s) lessons at Giffnock (Basketball/ other)
	October onwards	Transition groups start with Educational Psychologist for those requiring enhanced transition arrangements
	November	Visits from Woodfarm Support for Pupils department to gather information on pupils with additional needs
	December	Secondary staff and primary staff Support for Learning meetings
	December	Proposed Ceilidh Event for P7 pupils at Woodfarm HS

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2 January to March 2022	January	Pupils with Additional Support Needs and families meet Support Team from Woodfarm
	January	Urdu and cultural learning visits from Woodfarm HS teacher(s)
	18 th February 2022	Proposed visit to Woodfarm HS to experience a performance with the Modern Foreign Languages Department
	Wednesday 30 th March 2022 (am)	Proposed visit to Woodfarm HS to experience Multi Sports Event organised by Health and Wellbeing staff
	March	Cluster Primary 7 visit to Lockerbie Manor for joint activities for pupils to build cross-Cluster relationships in preparation for high school
3 April to August 2022	April onwards	Visits from Woodfarm HS staff to meet P7 staff to share Literacy and Numeracy profiling
	May	Dyslexia transition visits to Woodfarm HS
	Mon 30 th May, Tues 31 st May and Wed 1 st June 2022	Pupils with accepted applications from East Renfrewshire Council to register at Woodfarm HS, to visit Woodfarm HS for Transition Days
	July – August	Summer Transition Programme with staff at Woodfarm

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We appreciate that whilst not all of our children will enter Woodfarm High School, we endeavour to work closely with all secondary schools to ensure that pupils are well equipped and confident in their next steps. If you have decided that your child will not be applying for a place at Woodfarm, please contact me via the school office so that I know which secondary school to approach to organise transition visits and sharing of information with.

We will continue to keep in touch with all our families regarding each event with details of times and dates.

Should you wish further information please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Best regards,

Kirsty Rawley
Depute Headteacher