

ST. COLUMBA'S HIGH SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION PLAN 2020

KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WELCOME TO ST COLUMBA'S

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Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St Columba's High School. We look forward to welcoming your child to the school as part of our new intake of S1 pupils in August.

Given the current circumstances, the transition programme for 2020 will be one unlike any other that we have undertaken.

However, the purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some information and reassurance as you help to prepare your child for the move to secondary school. We fully appreciate that this can be a daunting experience for both pupils and parents and are keen to do whatever we can to offer some reassurance. This is of particular importance given current events.

The information contained within this booklet discusses some of the most common uncertainties experienced by Primary 7 pupils (and their parents) as they prepare to move to secondary school. It aims to offer some practical advice and support to help them overcome these concerns and enjoy the experience.

We hope that you find it useful and look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Mr Iain McLean
Depute Headteacher

Mr Stephen McFadden
Principal Teacher of Guidance S1



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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

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There is a large team of staff here at St Columba's High School to support your child. The key staff members in the transition process are outlined below, and they will play an important role as pupils settle into life at St Columba's.



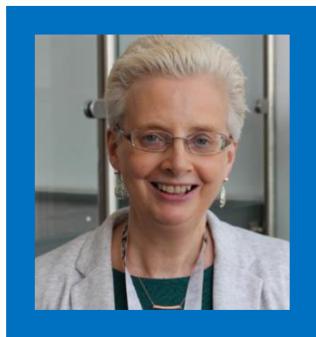
Mrs N Devine
HEADTEACHER



Mr I McLean
DEPUTY
HEADTEACHER



Mr S McFadden
PT GUIDANCE (S1)



Mrs P Cormack
PT SUPPORT FOR
LEARNING



Mrs A McPate
HOME/SCHOOL LINK



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Firstly, we would like to reassure you that the transition process for your child is already well underway.

We have already had successful transition visits earlier in the academic year as well as an Open Evening and an opportunity for pupils and parents to visit the school and meet some of our staff.

In many cases the transition to secondary school takes place over the course of Primary 7. Some pupils requiring a little extra support have visited the school as part of their Enhanced Transition Programme, while Mrs Cormack, our Principal Teacher of Support for Learning has liaised with our Primary colleagues to gather information about the learning needs of pupils.

Given the current circumstances, the remainder of the Transition Plan for 2020 is likely to look quite different, however we will continue to work very closely with our Primary colleagues to ensure that we gather all the information that we will need to ensure that your child has a positive transition to secondary school.

Over the next few pages we will outline the steps that we will be taking to support your child at this time.



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INFORMATION GATHERING

Mr McLean, Mr McFadden and Mrs Cormack will continue to gather vital information from your child's Primary School in relation to their attainment profile, their strengths and interests, their learning needs as well as any other important information that we will need to prepare for their arrival at St Columba's in S1.

As part of these discussions we will begin to compile a profile of information for each pupil and the most effective ways to support them.



ASSIGNING CLASSES

Pupils may be concerned about what classes they will be in when they move to St Columba's and whether they will be in classes with their friendship groups.

As in previous years, we will work in partnership with Primary staff to ensure that we can do everything possible to enable each pupil is placed in a class with people that they get on with and work well with.



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INDUCTION DAYS

Traditionally, formal induction days are an important part of the transition process.

This year, it is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be able to run induction days in the traditional manner.

With this in mind we have a number of plans in development to find new ways of introducing pupils to staff and to their new school environment. This will include video tours, online questionnaires and information from subject departments.



VIRTUAL TRANSITION



As with many aspects of school life just now, we will look to use technology to keep in touch with you and your child.

We will try to make use of social media services such as Twitter and online learning platforms such as Microsoft Teams.

We would encourage all P7 parents to follow the school Twitter account @_stcolumba

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

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HERE TO HELP

While we are confident in the arrangements that we will implement in the lead up to your child's move to St Columba's, you may have some questions or things that you would like to discuss and clarify.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any such queries and we will do all that we can to help. In the first instance you should contact either Mr McLean or Mr McFadden.



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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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