

Into Primary Meeting

Transition Meeting Questions



Question	Answer
When is Transition Residential in August?	Last week of August for 3 days camping in tents. In first few weeks of term.
What is involved in the pupil & parent questionnaire?	This is the most important information on how we best support your child. Please make sure you complete this.
What is West Calder Cares?	Support for families and children for a variety of HWB support e.g. counselling.
How do you communicate information?	Communication all emailed and digital. There is an FAQ transition document you can access with extensive information.
What is learning like?	Strong attainment – a top performing school. Lots of information on learning if you google the school.
Once settled – what is the expectation of homework?	Friday – parents receive learning planner (spread sheet) everything your child will be learning in the week ahead and with any homework that will be issued that week. We would ask the children come to school with a device – tablet, laptop and they will use this all the way through their secondary schooling.
Are there charging points?	Charging points are all around the school however we would encourage the children to charge it as a responsibility.
Is there places to store their things?	All children are provided with a locker to store their belongings.
How do classes work?	The class they will go into will be their practical subjects e.g. science, music, art etc (around 20 children). then larger classes for non-practical subjects which will be formed by joining together practical classes. After this, children will then be set based on their ability. These are fluid classes and children will move between.
The current P6 class is currently small is this set to expand?	There are around 10 children this year. The plan would be to work with schools across the cluster so they can get to know the children they will attend West Calder with.
What opportunities will be available in P7?	We will work in consultation with parents and children. They have their buddies and additional roles like house captain. However parents and children will design what does P7 look like at Calderwood?
Will they have school camp?	We need to decide this together as there is a residential for transition into S1. This is around £90 for the S1. However, school camp at Primary is a lot more expensive. We will consult with you on what we want this experience to look like. With only 10 children we have more opportunities with travel.