

P7 TRANSITION AT WEST CALDER HIGH SCHOOL



West Calder High School

WELLBEING COLLABORATIVE

- DHT Wellbeing, Inclusion & Support
- 6 x Wellbeing Principal Teachers
- 2 x Wellbeing Coordinators
- Wellbeing Manager
- Wellbeing Support Team
- Wellbeing Teaching Team

Partners

- Counsellor
- Careers Adviser
- Children & Young People's Team
- CAMHS
- Community Learning & Development
- Inclusion & Wellbeing Service



APPLICATION PROCESS

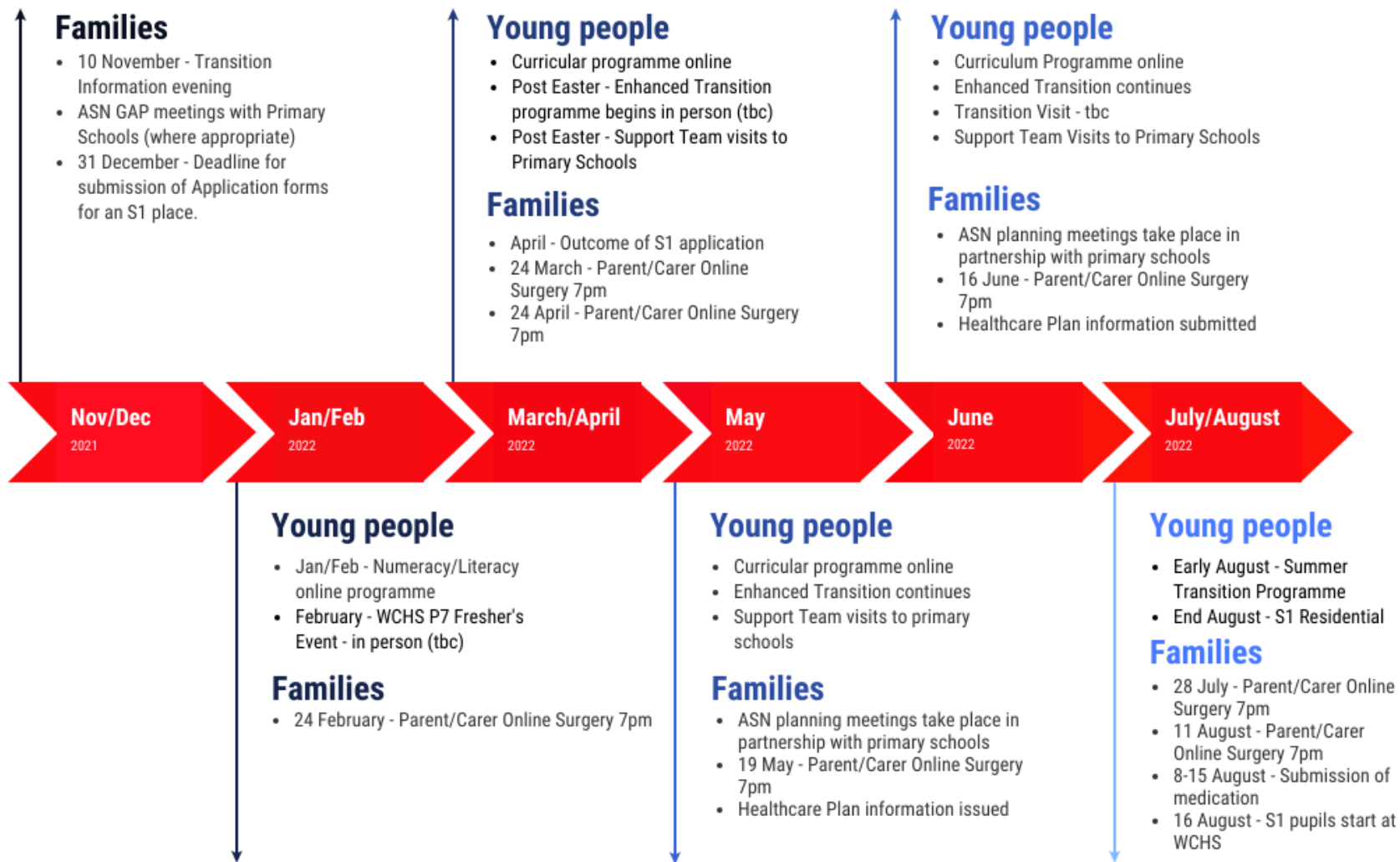
- Letter from WLC, complete application and submit by 31 December 2022
- Receipt of application will be acknowledged thereafter
- Confirmation of a granted place – April 2023





WCHS Transition Timeline 2021/2022

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West Calder High School P7/S1 Transition Programme 2022



April 2022

Thursday 28th : Online Parental Drop in : 7-8pm

Friday 29th : Curricular Session online

May 2022

Friday 6th : Curricular Session online

Friday 6th : Non - Catchment meeting : 1.30 - 3pm

Friday 13th : Curricular Session online

Thursday 19th : Online Parental Drop In : 7-8pm

Friday 20th : Curricular Session Online

Thursday 26th : P7 full day visit to WCHS

Friday 27th : P7 morning visit to WCHS

June 2022

Friday 10th : Final Online Session

Thursday 16th : Online Parental Drop In : 7-8pm

UNIVERSAL TRANSITION

January :
**Curricular online &
in person
programmes begin**

February onwards
**: Monthly online
surgeries for
Parents/Carers**

After Easter :
**Process to create
classes begins**

**June : Yeargroup
visit (tbc)**

Early August :
**Summer Transition
Programme**

**Late August : S1
Residential**

TARGETED TRANSITION

**Oct/nov : specialist
placement
meetings**

**After Easter :
support team visits
to primary schools**

**After Easter :
Enhanced
transition will begin**

**May onwards : ASN
planning meetings
begin & wellbeing
passports created**

**May : Healthcare
plan information
issued**

**June : Healthcare
plan information
submitted**

TRANSITION 2023

**Transition
Timeline**

**Summer
Activity
Programme**

Uniform

**School
Transport**

Catering

Classes

Timetables

TRANSITION 2023

**Enhanced
Transition**

**School
Transition
Meetings**

**Healthcare
Needs**

**Additional
Support
Needs**

FAQ

TRANSITION 2023

**Pupil
Questionnaire**

**Parental
Questionnaire**

West Calder Cares



West Calder Cares 'One Stop Support Shop'

Exam & Transition periods can be very stressful for both young people and their families. The West Calder Cares 'One Stop Support Shop' is a collaboration between school and local partners who will provide invaluable support and advice to young people and families.

'Smile' Counselling Service

Our school counsellor, Mark, will be available to provide advice, support and helpful hints on how to manage stress and anxiety



Healthy Respect

Our colleague, Claire, from the Healthy Respect (Sexual Health) Team will be available to provide a range of support including:

- Managing relationships
- General sexual health & advice



Making Connections

Amy Shiels of West Calder Development Trust & Nicola McFarlane of Polbeth Community Hub will be available to signpost young people and families to a range of services and activities which are available within the local community.



Financial Advice

Nicola Stark, our Financial Inclusion Officer will be available to provide financial advice and support to young people and families in a range of areas:

- Benefits review
- EMA
- Free meal/Clothing Grant application
- money management



WCHS Your Future

Members of the WCHS Your Future team will be available to provide support and advice to young people as they prepare for life beyond school e.g.

- CV preparation
- Application support
- Interview skills



WHEN & WHERE?

28th April : 1 - 2.30pm
12 May : 1 - 2.30pm
19 May : 1 - 2.30pm

Venue: WCHS 'Co-Lab' Cafe

These sessions are open to all families and S4/5/6 pupils. We look forward to seeing you!

For further details contact:
Alison.shields@westlothian.org.uk

COMMUNICATION

WCHS P7 Transition FAQ

Q: What are the arrangements for break & lunch with regard to food?

Pupils can bring food from home or can purchase food in school. The school cafe offers a breakfast service from 8am every morning where pupils can purchase a wide range of breakfast foods. A similar range of food is available at breaktime. The lunch service offers a range of hot meals, pasta, sandwiches and filled rolls, soup and home baking as well as fruit and a range of drinks. All dietary requirements can be catered for.

Q: How is food paid for?

WCHS, in line with West Lothian Council policy, operates a cashless catering system. Parents can add cash to their child's online account at home, or the child can bring the cash to school & deposit it into their account using one of our deposit machines. When ordering their food at the cafe counter, pupils will either use their pin number or fingerprint to verify their account and the total to be paid for their food will be deducted from their account.

Families on a low income can apply for free school meals:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43281/School-Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals-Milk>

Q: How do we apply for a school bus pass?

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<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32244/Applications-for-Free-School-Transport>

The network of school bus services can also be used by pupils not entitled to free school travel. Most buses allow pupils to pay a fare either on the bus or to use pre-paid discount travel tickets which can be obtained from West Lothian Council. We await confirmation as to how bus passes will be distributed.

Q: What time does the school bus arrive & what bus stop do I use?

Bus routes and timetables can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32567/West-Calder-High-School-Bus-Routes>

*Please note that the routes & timetables currently displayed are for session 2019/20. These will be updated for session 2020/21 in due course.

Q: Will there be changes to school transport arrangements in light of Covid-19?

It is likely that there will be changes to bus capacity in order to accommodate social distancing advice. Once any changes are confirmed, these will be communicated to parents and carers.

Q: How will my child know where to go on their first day?

We will aim to share the plans for our new S1's i.e. timetables, and plans for Day 1 as soon as possible and certainly by the end of the school holidays. There will be also be large numbers of staff on hand to guide our new S1 pupils on their arrival to the school.

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QUESTIONS?

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