



Dear Parent / Carer of an incoming S1 pupil

21st June 2021

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and looking forward to a very well-earned summer break following an extremely challenging year. We are delighted to report that our five P7-S1 Transition events (9th – 17th June) were extremely successful. Feedback received from young people, primary staff and parents has been positive. We hope these visits will have helped ease some of the anxieties our prospective S1 pupils will have had this year.

Arrangements for new S1 pupils – Tuesday 17th August 2021

To support our new S1 pupils on their arrival with us for their first day as members of our Harris Academy family we have arranged the following:

1. All young people starting S1 should arrive for a **9.15am start** on Tuesday 17th August (this start time has been updated since our transition visits). Our S2-6 pupils will arrive for the normal 8.45am start. This will provide us with the opportunity to target our full support to our new S1 pupils, via a staggered start.
2. On arrival our new S1 pupils should report to the entrance doors noted below (this information was covered during the transition visits):

Tayview PS pupils	Clock Tower entrance
Blackness PS pupils	Art entrance
Ancrum Rd PS pupils	Front entrance
Camperdown PS pupils	Maths entrance
Invergowrie PS	Clock Tower entrance
Victoria Park PS	Maths entrance
All non-cluster pupils	Front entrance

Prefects and staff, including members of the SLT, will be on hand to support at all entrances.

4. New S1 pupils will be informed of which House Group they are in, who their Guidance Teacher is and which class in the House Group they will be in e.g. **House** - Kinloch, **Class** 1 Ka, **Guidance Teacher** – Mr Milne.

5. Prefects will escort our new S1 pupils to a designated large space where their House Head and Guidance Teacher will be waiting for them. After a short Assembly, the young people will move to a classroom to work with their new Guidance teacher.

6. Guidance Teachers will work with their new S1 pupils until interval and, at this point, S1 timetables will be issued along with NEC cards. Guidance Teachers will also explain the House entry system we have in place for entry to our building each morning.

7. From Period 3 our new S1 pupils, with support from Prefects and staff, will **attend their timetabled classes** for the remainder of the day.

8. Our new S1 pupils will be dismissed at **3.30pm** five minutes before our S2-6 pupils are dismissed. School buses will be waiting on Perth Road for those young people who need to use them.

9. **On Wednesday 18th August** our new S1 pupils should arrive for an **8.45am** start and enter the building via **their respective House entry point** as noted below:

Clock Tower – BIRNAM House

Main Doors – KINLOCH House

Maths Doors – FORRES House

Art Doors – CAWDOR House

Once our new S1 pupils have entered via the doors outlined above they should report directly to their timetabled period 1 class. Prefects and staff will be on hand to support this process.

Asymptomatic Testing (COVID-19)

New S1 pupils can opt into the above Scottish Government testing protocol. More information can be found at:

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/aysmptomatic-testing-letter-s1-s6-version.pdf>

For those young people who wish to participate, packs of lateral flow test kits can be collected from the school's main office before the Summer break or, alternatively, can be collected from the school building between **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th August** (during normal school hours).

A parent/carer permission slip requires to be signed in advance of test kits being collected. Permission slips can be collected from our main office or via the link below:

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/consent-form-update.pdf>

We are encouraging all our school community to test over the summer and especially during the week before school returns (week beginning Monday 10th August).

Our testing days here at school are every **Monday and Thursday**.

We hope that this information will help alleviate any concerns regarding arrangements for the first two days for our new S1 pupils. The Senior Leadership Team and all members of our community are greatly looking forward to meeting your young person after the summer break and welcoming them into our Harris Academy family. These arrangements are in line with present Scottish Government advice and are subject to change should circumstances surrounding COVID 19 change over the summer recess. Should any change be required Mr Millar will write to you in advance of our return to school.

Wishing you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Please stay safe.



Barry Millar
Head Teacher



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