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Dear

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to learn that your young person will be attending Harris Academy from August 2022. In preparation, we will be hosting a two-day induction programme this session, which will take place on **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June 2022.** After a two-year absence due to COVID, we are delighted that these highly important induction days can take place in person.

The two days of induction will build on our Numeracy, DHT / PT’s Guidance visits, Open Evening / Roadshow, Health and Wellbeing and Language/Literacy transition events, which your child may have participated in this year already. The two days will also allow pupils to meet their Guidance Teacher, find out their practical and non-practical class groups and follow their S1 timetable to gain an introduction to our school in advance of joining us in August. We look forward to welcoming you and your young person into the Harris Academy family and wish to pass on some information that will be of use to you relating to the induction days.

Your young person should report to Harris Academy by 8.40am for an **8.45am start each day.** Members of staff and senior pupils will be out on Perth Road from 8.25am to welcome our new S1 pupils to our school. Your young person should wear her/his normal primary school uniform on both days. As all DCC secondary schools operate an asymmetric timetable (7 periods Monday - Wednesday, 6 periods Thursday and Friday) your young person will finish school at **2.50pm on both days.** A crossing patrol will be available outside Perth Road each day. Please note that there are **no drop-off/pick up facilities available on Perth Road**. The nearest points would be West Park Road or Grosvenor Road. Our school buses (**4S, 5S, 6S and 10S**) will operate as normal on the induction days and your young person can utilise these should he/she choose to do so. More information regarding routes and timings of school buses is available via **Xplore Dundee** via this link - [Maps & Timetables - Xplore Dundee](https://www.xploredundee.com/services).

Lunch will be available for purchase in advance, as it is at primary schools, via the canteen or snack bar each day. It is perfectly acceptable for pupils to bring a packed lunch with them each day should they prefer to do so. Parents/carers should ensure that their young person has **money added to their ParentPay account in advance** if he/she wishes to purchase lunch on either or both days as we operate a cashless system at Harris Academy as money will not be accepted by Tayside Contracts staff. **All pupils must remain on the school grounds i.e. in the building or playground areas at lunch-time on both induction days.** Please contact Mr M Stewart directly at the school (01382 435700) if you wish to make special arrangements for your child to leave the premises.

Our Active Schools’ Co-ordinators are hoping to run some sporting taster sessions in the PE department during the extended lunch break on both days. Young people should bring appropriate PE kit should they wish to participate.

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During the two induction days your young person will be involved in a variety of activities including time with his/her Guidance Teacher and new classmates and will participate in a variety of timetabled lessons.  It would be very helpful if your young person brings PE kit with them on **Thursday 9th June** as four S1 classes are timetabled for PE on a Thursday morning.

Our uniform supplier has changed this session to BE Schoolwear, who have a store based at 1-3 Meadowside Dundee and are also available on-line via this link - [BE Uniforms Dundee (border-embroideries.co.uk)](https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/store-dundee). I am delighted to inform you that we will hold a uniform evening on **Thursday 9th June from 5pm - 7pm in the school** where blazer orders can be made. Items of Harris Academy branded PE kit will also be available to view / order.

**Parent/Carer Information Evening**

We would like to invite you to attend a Parent/Carer Information Evening at the school from **6.30pm - 8.30pm** on the evening of **Monday 13th June**. Members of the Guidance Team and SLT will be on hand throughout the evening to answer any questions you may have regarding your young person’s transition to Harris Academy. **As a result of our large P7 intake this session we would ask you to try to restrict numbers to a maximum of 3 per family including your young person.**

We want to have a permanent record of the induction days, and, as a result, there will be photographs/video taken.  As you may already be aware Harris Academy has a very active Twitter feed, **@harrisacdundee**, and we fully intend to celebrate the positive experiences enjoyed by our young people by posting photographs/short film clips on our Twitter feed on both days.  If you do not wish your child to be filmed or photographed, we would appreciate it greatly if you would please let our school office staff know in writing by **Friday 3rd June 2022.**

If you or your child have any further questions regarding the induction days, or any other aspects of the transfer to Harris Academy, please feel free to contact Mr M Stewart (DHT), Mrs Taylor (PT Guidance) or Mrs Nicolson (PT Guidance) at the school (01382 435700).

Yours sincerely





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