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Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to Lasswade High School

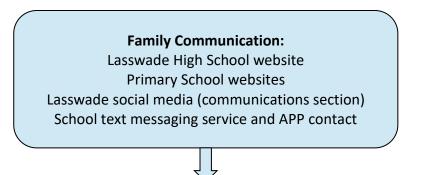
I hope you and your families are well and staying safe during these challenging and changing times. I realise that this may be a particularly unsettling time for families, especially as your child is about to transition from primary school to secondary school.

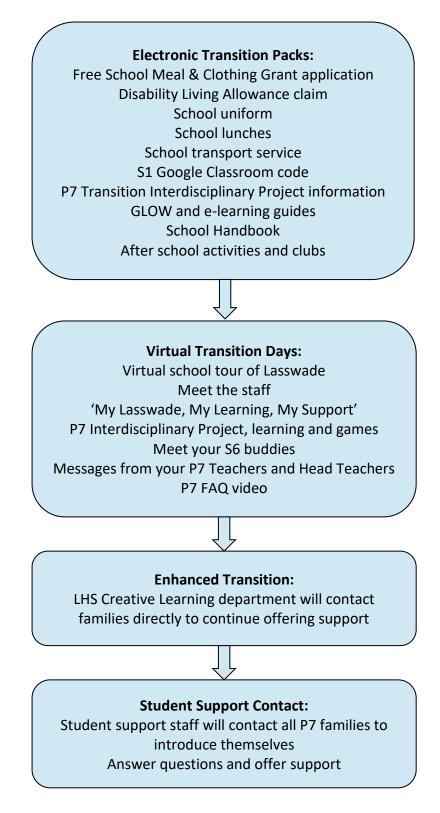
At Lasswade, we care about all of our students and families across the entire school community. Our new S1 cohort is a key priority and we have supportive and robust plans in place for P7 to S1 transition this year. We want to reassure you that we have been working closely with our associated Primary Schools, especially Head Teachers and Primary 7 Teachers, since August 2019 on transition.

At this stage, we have no indication about how and when schools will reopen. Therefore all Midlothian primary and secondary schools have agreed to deliver consistent outcomes for P7 to S1 transition, which can be found on our school website. As transition will be 'virtual', having access to a device will be important for your child. Should you require access to a device, you can request to borrow a device to support distant learning by calling the Midlothian Digital Learning Team on 0131 271 4900 or completing the following form: https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/distancelearning-parentcarer/chromebookloan

Lasswade Transition Flowchart

In line with the 'Midlothian Guarantee', we have designed a Lasswade Transition Flowchart for students and families to refer to.





Communication

Communication is more important than ever, so please follow us on Twitter and Instagram as well as our Parent Council page Facebook and school website for news and updates. We also have a dedicated email address for P7 to S1 transition.

Traditionally, our P7 Induction Evening takes place in June but this will take place at the start of next session to better inform students and families of our next steps. Please also refer to our School Handbook for further information and advice. <u>http://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/school-handbook/</u> At Lasswade High School, we want our new S1 cohort to feel happy, confident and excited about becoming Lasswade High School students in August. Every Tuesday until the end of term, we will sharing useful information for students and families on our school website and social media platforms. Remember to look out for our 'Transition Tuesdays' communications.



Updates and Questions

As Public Health and Scottish Government advice continues, we will update you on any transition developments by using the Lasswade High School website and your local primary school websites and APPs.

We understand that P7 students and families will undoubtedly have a lot of questions about P7 to S1 transition. We welcome any questions and queries you may have about transition, which we aim to compile into a Parent/Carer FAQ document as well as a Student FAQ video/document. Please direct your questions and queries to the following email address which is dedicated to P7 to S1 transition. transition.lasswade@mgfl.net

'be BRAVE, stay SAFE, be BRILLIANT'

We look forward to welcoming all new students and families to our school community and we hope that all students are feeling excited and positive about the P7 transition programme and coming to Lasswade after the summer. In the meantime, we encourage all families to 'be BRAVE, stay SAFE, be BRILLIANT' and to comply with Public Health measures.

Best wishes

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