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Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to working with all of our families and primary schools this term, to ensure a smooth transition for our new S1 pupils. We hope the planned series of activities will help your child to feel confident, comfortable and prepared for their move into S1.

Transition Day 13th May

A reminder that we would like to invite your child to attend a 'subject taster day' in May. A 'Pupil Guide' for the day is attached, this outlines a plan for the day so that your child will know what to expect. We understand that this is a busy term and some pupils may not be able to join us for this day, if you are unable to attend please contact our school office to make us aware.

Dates	Details	Times
Wednesday 13 th May	Whole day visit for all pupils starting S1 at WHA	8.50am-3.20pm
24 th -26 th June	3 full induction days for all P7 pupils	8.50am-3.20pm

Uniform

Pupils should wear their usual primary school uniform. **PE kit will also be required**, again please just bring your primary kit.

Food

All pupils will be provided with a free school lunch for all their next visits. This is a new initiative that has been introduced this year by the regional catering service. The monetary value will be that of a meal deal, which consists of a main course, soup or sweet and a drink, free fruit and additional vegetables are also available. You can choose to provide a packed lunch for your child if you prefer. For morning break pupils should bring a suitable snack and water or money if they wish to purchase food.

When will information about classes be shared?

We have 3 Houses (Cairn, Nith and Scaur). If your child has a sibling, who is still at Wallace Hall, they are most likely to be in the same House but this is not guaranteed. The classes are created, in consultation with primaries, and will contain a mix of pupils from all schools. We will contact you **around the beginning of June** to confirm your child's class and to give further details of the Induction Days.

Winner of

Gold Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2025

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2023

D&G Rural Award Smarter Scotland

The SQA Star Award

Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022/2025

Green Flag Award 2016/2018/2021/2023/2025

LEAF Award 2025

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability

World Teamwork Award Winners – World Robotics Festival

First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



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Transport

For all visits, we would **request that parents take responsibility for organising transport** to and from Wallace Hall Academy.

If you are in the catchment area for school transport, it is likely that you will be able to use the school buses for your visits, otherwise the 246 or 236 are the main public buses from Dumfries.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for school transport, you can use the 'find my nearest' section of the D&G council website to find out <https://apps.dumgal.gov.uk/findnearest?id=579674>.

Medical Needs

Please ensure that your child has their specific medical essentials in their school bag for their visits, and that they are all in date. We will be contacting your primary school to request a copy of any Health Care Plans so please make sure that the version available is up to date.

Additional Support for Learning and Enhanced Transition

In order for us to meet specific learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs, some identified pupils will have further visits as part of our Enhanced Transition programme. We are working closely with your primary school to gather information about your child's prior attainment, achievement and support needs and pupils who require enhanced transition support will be identified as part of this process. Details of our Enhanced Transition programme will be communicated with you via your Primary School.

Our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Team are also looking at ways to provide enhanced transition support to families who receive Free School Meals.

How Can I Support My Child?

Please take a look at the Transition area on our school website <https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions> and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We will be inviting all parents to join us for an information session in June. We will contact you with more details prior to this and we are looking forward to meeting you all then. You can also request a 1:1 meeting with a member of our Pupil Support staff if required. If you would like to speak to us more urgently, please contact our school office and you will be directed to the most appropriate member of the Transition Team: **01848 332 120**, gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

WHA Transition Team

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