

01 Wallace High - COVID-19: Key P7 Transition Information for Families...

Welcome to our P7 families...

It does feel somewhat 'strange' for a school that thrives so much on personalised relationships and the warmth of human interaction to be welcoming families 'digitally' and not in person to our planned Information Evening and Induction Days, as we normally do every session. It is also the first time that we have not been able to visit each of our primary schools and speak to our new S1 in person at this time. We do, however, want to reassure you that the hard work and values that create the warm, welcoming and aspirational atmosphere of Wallace High are all at work to ensure that our new S1 receive all the information and support they require at this time of transition. The first thing for us to do is to reassure you that if you have any questions just now, please don't hesitate to e-mail any of the key staff listed below:

Pupil Support Key P7 Transition Contacts

New S1 Pupil Support Leader - Ms Curwen - any general enquiries about support/any personalised questions:

curwenk07s@glow.sch.uk

Learning Support/ASN - Mrs Chumley - any specific questions about learning support needs:

chumleyj07s@glow.sch.uk

Learning Support/Transition Teacher - Mr Murray - any questions about weekly transition tasks:

murrayc07s@glow.sch.uk

School of Sport - Miss Whillans - any enquires about our School of Sport programme:

whillansr07s@glow.sch.uk

Ochil House - Mrs Donaldson:

donaldsonl07s@glow.sch.uk

School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.



Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.



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Keeping you informed...

We have been promoting our **School App** as fully as possible throughout this time as it is the easiest way for us to provide regular updates for families and 'ping' notifications directly into your phone. It also links into Twitter news feeds etc. In the **'Information'** section we have links to **all of the school's key documents** and so this helps with any core information you require. To download the app, please simply scan the QR code in the image on the previous page or go to the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Store and search for 'School App for Parents'. Once downloaded, simply select 'Wallace High School' as your school. If you already have this for your child's primary school, simply go to 'settings' in the app and add Wallace High as your second school. You have full access to, among other things:

- **School Brochure:** All key school information (uniform, expectations, staff lists, key dates etc.).
- **Curriculum Guide for Parents:** a 'map' of how pupils progress through secondary school.
- **Uniform Supplier:** Direct link to Logoxpres website (blazers etc.)

Other Key Links for Useful Information

Wallace High School Website:

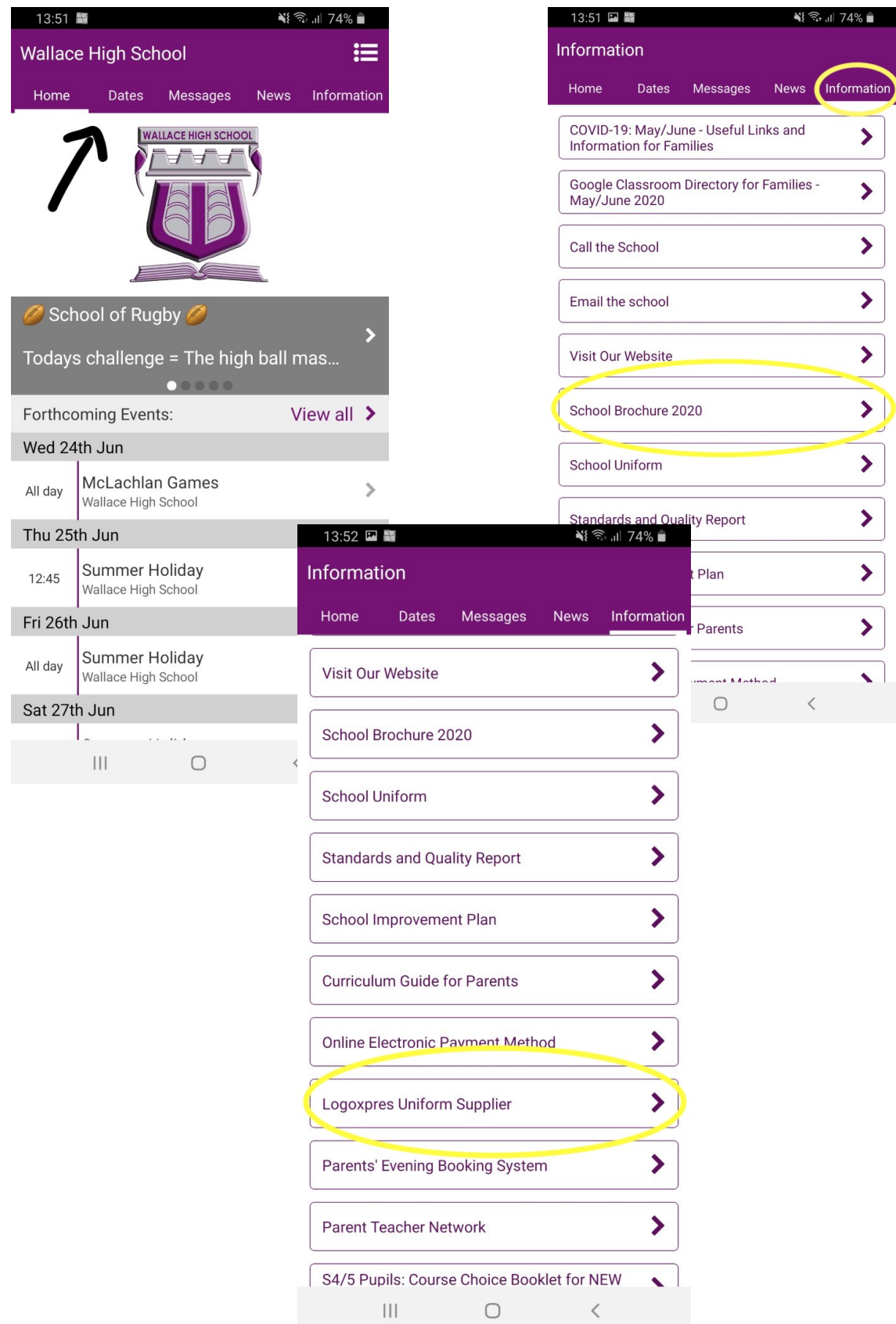
<https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk>

Twitter:

[@wallacehighsch](https://twitter.com/wallacehighsch)

Stirling Council (Key links to all council services, including Education and NHS Health information):

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/>



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Learning & enjoying school...

An absolutely key priority for us is to ensure that our new S1s are continuing to learn, enjoy school and remain excited about their transition to Wallace High at this time. It is most likely, as we write just now, that pupils will begin to interact with school in August in a way that requires: some adjustment for social distancing; potential compromises with the school day to ensure safe access to the building; and a need to engage with some work online - a 'blended' approach to education, initially, between class engagement and online learning. Our three main digital platforms are listed on the page opposite and we will be making it a priority to ensure that our new S1s are fully 'signed-up' to these systems and that we issue everyone with a Google Chromebook as soon as we can. We are very much looking forward to our School of Sport programme, but will simply have to be a little patient as we adjust when we can start this according to a lifting of restrictions on interaction.

We know that the vast majority of our S1 have had some experience of learning in Wallace and coming and going from the school building as part of our two-year transition programme. We are also aware that some pupils have not had this (if they are coming from schools beyond the catchment) and that they are missing their two induction days. To make up for this, we are doing the following:

- Mr Murray is connecting via Google Classroom with weekly 'fun' challenges and tasks to keep pupils engaged and to interact as we build towards summer.
- We will be posting some helpful videos that give pupils information on, amongst other things: finding your way in the school building; using lunch cards; even tying your school tie!...
- We will be posting a 'key messages' video from Mr Pennock and the pastoral team in June - a less formal 'virtual assembly' to help pupils appreciate expectations, standards and how much we are looking forward to welcoming them to Wallace High.
- We hope to be able to arrange collection of school ties from community primaries in June (we will post to parents outwith catchment) so that pupils have these for leaving home on day 1 (pending easing of access/movement restrictions to allow this).

We are very excited about all the above helping our new S1 to transition happily and successfully as they begin their secondary journey in Wallace High.

Three Main Online Learning Platforms

Google Classroom (*Targeted work posted by teachers for your child*):

Access work via teacher issued codes

Show My Homework (*Targeted work posted for your child and with parental access as well*):

<https://www.satchelone.com>

Twitter (*Great for lots of general - often fun - tasks/activities & celebrating success*):

@wallacehighsch

