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**Head Teacher:** Barry Graham

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Nursery Parent/Carer

### **Pre-School Transition to Primary 1**

Our formal transition programme between nursery and primary 1 will begin in May. This includes all Early Learning and Childcare pre-school morning and afternoon pupils who will be starting school in August 2018.

Starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, pre-school morning children should come along to Wallace Hall Nursery at the usual time of 8.45 am and be collected from nursery between 11.40 am and 11.55 am. Afternoon pre-school children should come along at the times detailed below and report to the main primary school office. The afternoon pre-school children will be taken to the primary 1 class and I ask that their parents/carers then please collect their children from the school office at the end of each transition session. Please be aware that afternoon pre-school children can still attend their afternoon session in the Nursery at the usual times.

If your child attends back-to-back sessions then of course they can still attend their afternoon session in the nursery. Your child will simply return to the nursery, with a member of the Nursery team, following the P1 transition session. They will remain in the nursery until their normal collection time at 3.05pm.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Thurs 01.03.18	Within normal nursery session times	World Book Day activities – i) P6 buddies reading stories to the Nursery children in the Nursery ii) Nursery children visiting Wallace Hall Academy's library to participate in a literacy quiz and storytelling with S6 students <i>Children should attend their normal nursery sessions.</i>
W/C 26.03.18	Within normal nursery session times	Group visits to the P6 classroom for topic sharing opportunities. <i>Children should attend their normal nursery sessions.</i>
W/C 30.04.2018	Within normal nursery session times	BIG CHOOSING and BIG PLAYGROUND learning opportunities will be co-ordinated by Nursery and P1 staff during the course of these two weeks. <i>Children should attend their normal nursery sessions.</i>
W/C 07.05.2018		
Tues 15.05.2018	9.30 – 10.45 am	Nursery visit Primary 1
Tues 22.05.2018	9.30 – 10.45 am	Nursery visit Primary 1
Tues	9.30 – 11.00	Nursery visit Primary 1 (includes 15 min break time with



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29.05.2018	am	buddies)
Tues 05.06.2018	9.30 – 11.00 am	Nursery visit Primary 1 (includes 15 min break time with buddies)
Thurs 14.06.2018	9.30 – 11.30 am	Nursery visit Primary 1 (includes 15 min break time with buddies). The children will have PE with the PE specialist on this day and so should wear appropriate clothing.
Thurs 21.06.2018	11.55am – 3.10pm	Nursery visit Primary 1 (includes lunchtime with buddies)

During these sessions the children will have the opportunity to play/carry out activities in their new classroom. Each child entering primary 1 is assigned a buddy from our primary 6 class. During the transition programme your child will meet their buddy. This partnership will continue in the new session. Visits will also include time spent in the school playground playing with other school children at break-time and so pre-school children should bring their own healthy snack and a water bottle on these days. Warm waterproof clothing should also be brought on these days. Details of dates and times of transition sessions are listed below and overleaf.

Please note that on the 21<sup>st</sup> June the transition session will take place during the afternoon and there will be **no morning session** for pre-school pupils that day. The 21<sup>st</sup> June is our 'Moving Up Day' when all pupils experience their new classrooms and teachers, and we would therefore like pre-school pupils to be part of this whole school transition day. Please bring your child to the main school office at 11.50am where they will be met by **Mrs Little or Mrs Hannah**. Pupils can be collected at 3.10pm at the primary gates where Miss Purves will ensure all children are safe and accounted for. Additional information will be provided nearer the time with regard to lunch provision on the 'Moving Up Day'.

We plan on inviting parents/carers to stay for part of the transition session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This gives parents an opportunity to meet the primary 1 teacher and to see the classroom. Further information will be provided about this nearer the time.

We will be holding an information evening for our pre-school Early Learning and Child Care parents/carers on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Further information on this subject will follow at a later date.

Yours sincerely

Sonia Little  
Depute Head Teacher