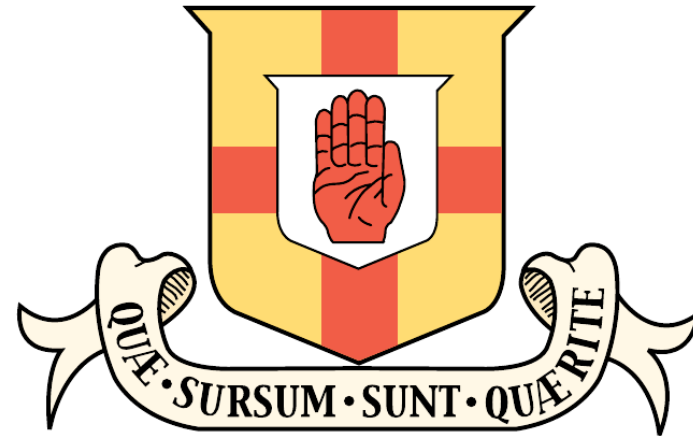




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Welcome



Transfer 2010.org
A focus on Pupil Primary Transfer

What is this meeting about?

Two joint meetings:

- 29 April The Wallace High School
- 30 April Friends' School

Explanation of arrangements for transfer to Friends' and Wallace in Sept 2010.

This applies to children now in P6

Why are we running a common entrance assessment?

- In absence of anything else common entrance test being set by 34 schools.
- Lisburn schools traditionally over-subscribed
- No transfer test for 2009-10 but academic selection legal

What is the common entrance assessment (CEA)?

- Based on content of KS 2 revised primary curriculum
- Accessible to all pupils
- English and Maths only (no Science)
- Existing 11+ practice tests can be used
- New material available commercially

What is the common entrance assessment (CEA)?

- Three one hour papers (best 2 to count)
- Your child may sit 2 or 3 tests
- To be done in one of the participating post-primary schools
- A charge of £35 to register (waived if your child is on free school meals)
- If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs he or she, as at present, will not have to take an assessment

How do I register my child?

- A registration form needs to be completed
- Registration between 18 May and 18 September
- Forms available from FSL and WHS
- Can be downloaded from school websites, AQE website or transfer2010.org website
- Forms to be returned to AQE office

What do I need to have to register?

- 3 passport sized photos of your child
- Photocopy of your child's birth certificate
- Cheque or bank order

What detail will I be asked for on the form?

- Where do you wish your child to sit the tests?
 - Parents will be asked to choose three possible test centres
 - Children will be grouped as far as possible with others from their primary school
- Is your child receiving free school meals?
- Do you wish your child to sit the papers in Irish?
- Do you wish to apply for access arrangements for your child?

What are access arrangements?

- Measures needed to allow your child to sit the assessment
- These apply under the Disability Discrimination Act, 1995
- Access arrangements may also be made if your child's first language is not English or Irish
- Access Arrangements Form sent out after Registration Form submitted – closing date for its submission 25 September

What information will I receive?

You will be given

- Your child's assessment number
- The name of the assessment centre (children will be allocated in order of applications)
- Information about the tests
- Details of familiarisation days

When are the tests?



- Tests will take place at 10.00 am on three Saturday mornings:
 - 14 November, 28 November and
 - 5 December 2009
- Children may sit two out of three or all three assessments

How will the tests be marked?

- Marked by a panel of AQE markers with a chief examiner
- Scores are standardised
- Results are placed in rank order, adjusted for age

What about the results?

- Results as % score (not grade) will be sent to parents and schools on Saturday 6 February 2010
- Parents may apply for re-mark by 18 Feb
- Families will decide on school preferences

Can I apply for special circumstances for my child?

- Remember that the two best scores count
- Special circumstances may be claimed alongside the transfer application
- Supporting evidence will need to be provided by the parent

How do I apply for schools?

- Admissions criteria will have been published by each school's Board of Governors
- Post-primary schools will hold open days as normal
- Meetings are likely to take place with Primary Principals in mid February as at present
- Transfer forms will be completed by parents as at present
- Transfer forms sent to Education and Library Boards
- Centralised admissions process as at present

What about admissions criteria?

- Consultations on DE Guidance for Admissions finish in June
- Following consultations final guidance will be issued by DE
- Each Board of Governors will consider guidance and set own entrance criteria
- Decisions will also be made on how the test results will be used
- Boards of both schools are seeking to agree criteria which will in reality operate much as now

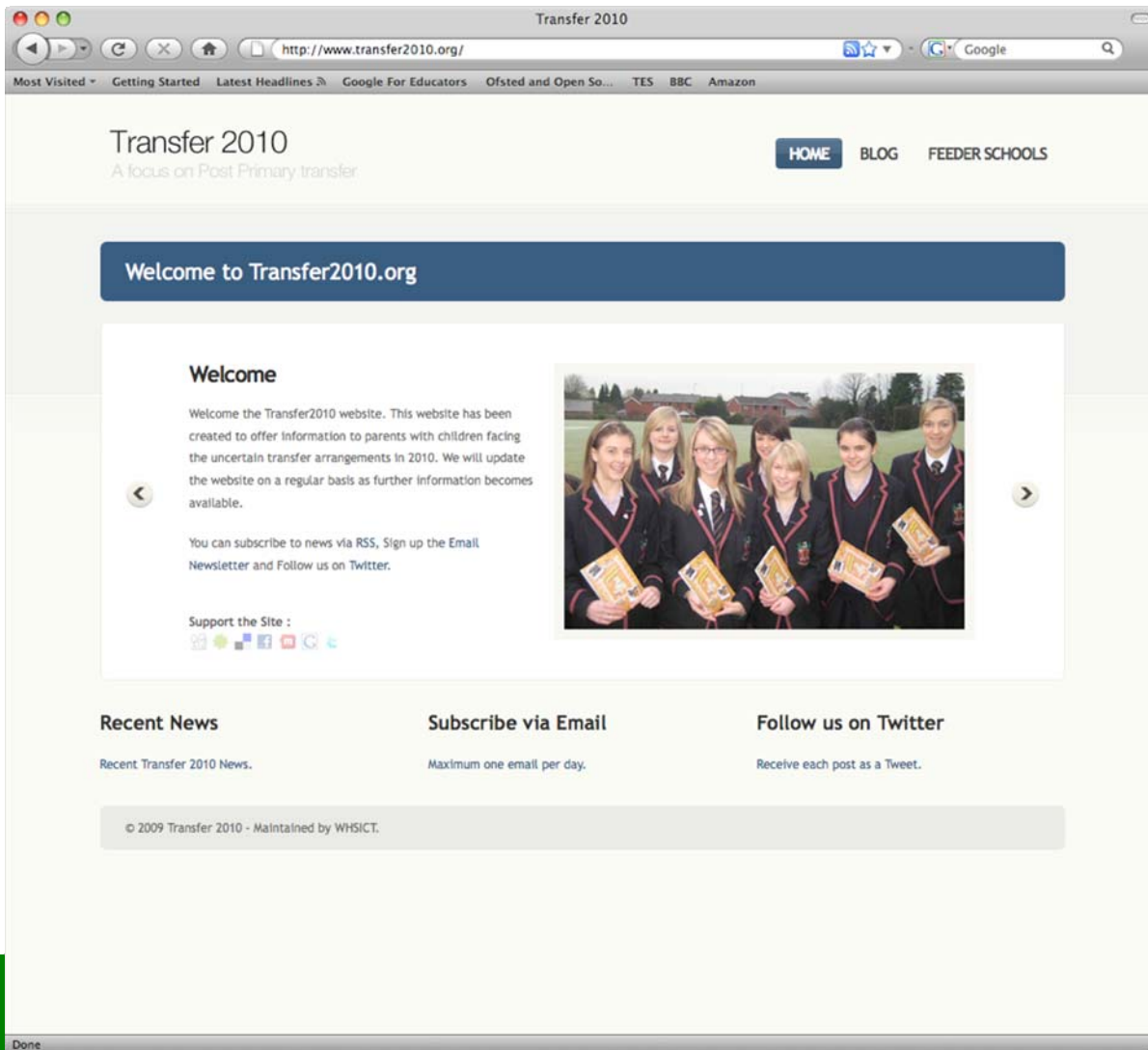
What happens next?

- Individual schools apply their stated admissions criteria
- Decisions on pupils are made
- Post-primary schools receive application forms
- Parents hear of allocated schools
- Normal appeals procedure operates

Reminder of key dates



- Registration for tests from 18 May to 18 September 2009
- Access arrangements requested
- Familiarisation days in Friends' and Wallace in October 2009
- Tests take place on 14 and 28 November and 5 December 2009
- Results published on 6 February 2010



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