

Assumption Grammar School



"Fully Alive"





Transfer 2021 Familiarisation Evening

- **Vice Principal's Introduction**
- **Arrangements for 13 November 2021**
- **Questions – contact details**



Arrangements for Transfer 2021

- Saturday 13 November 2021
- Supplementary Paper Saturday 11 December 2021
- Monday 22 November 2021 at 2.00 pm - deadline for receipt of requests to take the Supplementary Entrance Assessment
- Classrooms will be used for the majority of classes but two halls are also being used for the larger schools to maintain bubbles and ensure safety
- Assumption Staff invigilate the exam
- GL Assessment sets, marks and standardises the examination



Arrangements for Transfer:

Before the Day

- Information Cards have been sent out today. You should receive these cards in the next few days. Rooms are designated using letters.
- The cards will indicate the time you should arrive and what entrance to go to. This year, we are using four different entrances and exits, again to promote health and safety and in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID amongst the pupils and our staff who are invigilating.
- Please check for any errors and inform us of any amendments by contacting the school (***Mrs E Crainey***).

The Pupil Information Cards



The colour of the card will indicate which entrance you go to:

- Pink Cards – Pupil Entrance A (to the left of the main entrance)
- Green Card – Main Entrance at front of the building
- Blue Card – Sports Hall Entrance (past main entrance and round the left side of the building)
- Yellow Card- Pupil Entrance B (to the right of the roundabout)



Arrangements for Transfer 2021:

- **Please note, there are 2 cards:**
- **The first card is to be brought to the entrance on arrival so we can register your child;**
- **The second card is to be brought by the parent on collection of the child after the Assessment.**

Sample Pupil Information Card

Entrance Assessment Centre		Room
School Number:		
Child's Name:		Pupil Number
Date of Birth:		
Primary School attended:		
Your child should be present at the Entrance Assessment Centre at ***** am on Saturday 13th November 2021		
Please leave your child at:		
Your child may be collected after the Entrance Assessment at ***** pm. on Saturday 13th November 2021		
Please collect your child at:		



Arrival

- You will be guided by attendants who will be wearing coloured sashes. Entrances will be clearly marked but if unsure, ask one of the attendants.
- Parents will leave their child to correct door where he/she will be registered and immediately brought to their rooms by our guides.
- Parents will not be permitted to enter the building at any time during the morning.



Exits – Collection

- Arrival and departure times are staggered to avoid congestion, so please adhere to the times on the card.
- When collecting your child, please form a queue at the relevant exit and present the other card. Your child will be brought to you as quickly as possible.
- Please be patient while we do this. There are obvious child protection issues here, which is why a card is needed on collection.
- ***Please check the details on your cards and contact us if there are errors. If you do not receive your cards by Friday, please contact the school.***



Administration on the Day

- You should arrive at the time stated on the card. Please be aware, Ballynahinch is busy on a Saturday morning so ensure you leave plenty of time for your journey.
- Parking will be directed – please be patient.
- The information card will state which coloured entrance you go to.
- Parents should accompany their child to the door where they will be met by staff and pupils. ***Parents are not permitted to enter the school building.***



Administration on the Day

- Children will be grouped with others from their school and an invigilator will supervise them until they are ready to begin the Assessment.
- There will be an opportunity to visit the toilet at this stage but it is important starting times are adhered to.
- If a candidate arrives after the English paper has started, he/she will not be able to sit the Assessment and will be required to take the Supplementary Assessment on Saturday 11 December 2021.



Access Arrangements

- Parents who applied for Access Arrangements will have been contacted to discuss the arrangements.
- If you have any other queries in relation to Access Arrangements, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Orsi.
- Parents should be reminded, electronic readers are not permitted by GL.



Saturday 13 November 2021

- All stationery, pencils, erasers and paper, will be provided by the Assessment Centre;
- Answer sheets will be pre-printed with children's details;
- No paper or assessment materials may be taken from the room.



Saturday 13 November 2021

- Children are advised to wear their school uniform.
- In a change to previous years, all pupils must bring their own snack and water bottle which they will keep under their desk. These should be carried in a clear bag with the child's name on it.
- Please note, Assumption has a **nut-free policy** so please ensure your child does not bring any products containing nuts into the building.
- Phones and Apple Watches should not be brought into the Assessment Centre. Digital watches should not be worn. There are clocks in every room and the students will be reminded of the time throughout the process.

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**NO MOBILE PHONES, IPODS,
MP3/4 PLAYERS.**

**NO PRODUCTS WITH AN
ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION/STORAGE
DEVICE OR DIGITAL FACILITY.**



Timescale for the Day

- Arrive at Assumption from 8:55am (depending on directed time);
- Children to be seated in their Assessment Rooms;
- English Practice and Assessment paper;
- Break for 20 minutes – children remain in their Assessment Rooms but can avail of the toilets;
- Children to be seated for their Maths Assessment;
- Maths Practice and Assessment paper;
- Completion between 12:20pm and 12:35pm, depending on your area;
- Children will be brought to the exits and collected by their parent/guardian.

English Assessment



- Practice session: (20 minutes)
- **1 Reading passage**
- **3 Familiarisation Questions and Answers** with explanation (Chief Invigilator reads the explanation)
- **7 Practice Questions.** Children are given time to do these and then only the Answers are read aloud. No explanations are given.
- Assessment paper: (50 minutes)



Main Changes: English

- There will be two comprehension passages rather than three;
- The overall total length of the passages will be around 35% less than a “normal” three passage Entrance Assessment;
- One of the passages will be a poem or a short comprehension;
- No fiction passages will be taken from 19th century literature;
- The 5 question general section has been removed;
- There will be 50 questions in total (rather than 60);
- The paper will last 50 minutes.

Mathematics Assessment



- **3 Familiarisation Questions and Answers with explanation (Chief Invigilator reads the explanation)**
- **6 Practice Questions. Children are given time to do these. No explanations or answers are given.**

Assessment paper: 45 minutes

Main Changes

No questions will be set on the following topics

- Mode, Median
- Reading from bus / train timetables
- Probability
- Algebra
- Proportion
- Ratio
- Understand the relationship between common fractions, decimals and percentages
- Pie Charts
- No questions will involve negative numbers

Answer Sheets

There has been a replacement of the OMR answer sheets with new
GL QRA Answer Sheets from 2019

What this means?

- ✓ Pupils no longer put a line through a letter. Instead, they draw a line in a little horizontal box beside the letter.
- ✓ Invigilators will explain this very clearly in the instructions and pupils will be able to do this in the practice papers before the examination begins.

Special Circumstances



- Shortly before or during the Entrance Assessment, a child might experience medical or other problems which affect his/her performance in the Entrance Assessment. These difficulties are referred to as Special Circumstances.
- A pack for claiming Special Circumstances will be available from the Assessment Centre from **Tuesday 16 November**.
- Special Circumstances must be claimed in writing (using Form SCR) to the centre by 2.00pm Wednesday 15 December 2021.
- At this stage no supporting evidence needs to be submitted.

It includes the forms and guidance notes. Parents/Guardians must ensure that claims for Special Circumstances are registered at the Assessment Centre by the date specified.



Special Circumstances

- The decision as to whether to take Special Circumstances into consideration will not be made at this time by the Assessment Centre.
- The centre will confirm receipt of the initial claim to the parent/guardian.
- This confirmation must then be attached by the parent/guardian to the Transfer Form (using Form SC1) along with full, supporting documentary evidence when an application is made for Post Primary transfer for the child.



Special Provision

- Special Provision will be made for:
 - pupils moving or recently moved to Northern Ireland, i.e. children whose parents/guardians wish them to transfer to post primary schools from schools outside Northern Ireland or
 - children who have received more than half of their primary education outside Northern Ireland.
- Those children to whom this provision applies may also, if their parents/guardians wish, sit the Entrance Assessment.



Special Provision

- It will also be made for children who:
 - were unable to take the GL Entrance Assessment or the Supplementary Entrance Assessment due to serious medical problems or for another valid reason
- or
- have not attended primary school for a substantial period of time in Key Stage 2 due to serious medical problems or for another valid reason.



Transfer Results

- Results posted Friday 4 February 2022.
- GL will give Grades (A, B1, B2 etc) based on the child's Standardised Age Scores.
- Primary School Principals will also be sent the results.
- The Transfer Procedure will then continue through the relevant Education Authority.

Key Dates



TIMETABLE 2021-22 Key Dates for Parents

- Saturday 13 November 2021 - Entrance Assessment.
- Monday 22 November 2021 - Deadline (2.00 pm) for receipt of Supplementary Entrance Assessment requests.
- Saturday 11 December 2021 - Supplementary Entrance Assessment.
- Wed 15 December 2021 - Deadline (2.00 pm) for registering claims for Special Circumstances.
- Friday 4 February 2022 - Results of the Entrance Assessment posted (first class) to pupils' homes.
- Tuesday 22 February 2022 - Deadline (2.00 pm) for receipt of Entrance Assessment re-mark requests.



COVID

- It is vital you read all the documents sent out to you in the next few days. There is important information regarding expectations and safety advice;
- The "What if" scenarios should answer any of your questions;
- It is also very important you contact the school on the morning of Saturday 13 November if your child is unwell and/or will not be sitting the Transfer test. If a child does not appear and an explanation is not offered, they will be considered withdrawn.

Expectations



- Do not send your son/daughter to the Assessment Centre if they have any symptoms;
- Pupils should inform the invigilator if they become unwell during the test;
- Pupils should only bring approved items into the Assessment Centre (no phones, no Apple Watches);
- Pupils should be encouraged to follow social distancing guidelines on arrival and exiting the building;
- Parents are requested to wear masks while escorting their child to and from the Assessment Centre entrance;
- Parents should not congregate outside but stand in an orderly queue respecting the space of others;
- Pupils should be encouraged to follow good hygiene procedures by not coughing or sneezing in someone's direction and adhere to the "Catch it, bin it, kill it" approach;
- Pupils must sanitise their hands as soon as they arrive to the Assessment Centre. They should also be encouraged to bring their own tissues and hand sanitiser;
- During the break, pupils will be encouraged to remain in their seats to eat their break, unless they need to go to the toilet.



Some final words for the P7s...

- Try to get a good night's sleep;
- Eat a good breakfast;
- Remember to wear your uniform;
- Try not to worry;
- Remember your information card;
- Don't forget to bring your break and water bottle;
- If you have medication, bring it with you and ensure it is labelled;
- Parents – please be patient at the end of the test as we have to stagger the departure of rooms and traffic can be heavy.
- Plan something nice after (parents and children)!



Thank you for joining me today!

***I will post this PowerPoint on the school website so you have
all the information. If there are any further questions, please
feel free to call or email the school.***

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