



Dear P7 pupils and Parents/Carers

Since our last letter updating you on the transition process, things have continued to improve in the world around us. I'm writing this letter on the day where people in Scotland have been told they can sunbathe in parks again! The sun is blazing in the sky at the moment so this has certainly come at the right time but I hope you all remember the sun cream.

We have also been told that pupils will return to schools from the 11th of August although this will be a blend of in-school attendance and at-home learning delivered digitally. We have also been told that teachers will, at some point in June, return to the workplace to make sure the school and its classrooms are ready for returning students. This is a big job, as is trying to figure out exactly what August will look like for our young people and their teachers. We know that August will not be as straightforward as all pupils in school following their daily timetables and that instead pupils will have some time in school and some time will be spent learning at home as part of Forfar Virtual Academy. As we are currently working through these issues at school and local authority level we are not yet in the position to be able to give you more details about exactly what this will mean for our new S1 pupils. As soon as we are able to provide more details we will do so as we know how anxious a time this must be for you all. Please be reassured that all decision making is driven by ensuring a healthy and safe working environment for all of our school community.

P7 pupils - during the week beginning the 8th of June you will receive a copy of your individual timetables in the mail. This will include details about who your Pupil Care and Support Teacher is, the name of your class and which house you belong to. Your timetable will also show you the names of your class teachers. This will be the timetable you will follow once schools are at the stage of being able to run with full school attendance. As I said earlier we will let you know about arrangements for the start of term before you start back in August.

In the meantime, we are proceeding with the virtual transition that we set out in our last letter to you. If you haven't already done so, we would really like it if you could complete the pupil profile we sent out to you. You can find a copy of the pupil profile in the P7-S1 Transition section of our school website:





<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/forfaracademy/p7-s1-transition/>

Completed profiles should be emailed to the transition team email address:

grp-Fa2020sone@glowschools.org.uk

It's really fortunate that we managed to meet you all in February, and at other events during the course of the year, but your completed profiles will help us get to know more about you as individuals.

We are also continuing with our plans for virtual induction days. On the 10th and 11th of June there will be tasks and challenges posted on the school website for you from our faculties and departments across the school. Some will be posted on the 10th and the rest on the 11th so you will need to check on both days. There will also be videos for you to watch to introduce you to staff and tell you more about what to expect from different subjects and faculties. Again, all of this information will be posted on the transition section of the school website. We hope that as many of you as possible will join in with what we have planned.

Please keep an eye on the school website and the school Twitter account (@ForAcad) for further updates. For example, we have been posting videos of some of our S2 pupils giving helpful advice and information to our new S1 pupils – there will be more of these posted during June so keep a look out.

You should also continue to use the transition team email address given above to ask any questions you have about the transition process. As, I said at the start of this letter, we know that this is an anxious time made more anxious by the unusual circumstances around us, so no question is too big or too small – just ask and we will do all that we can to support you.

I look forward to seeing and hearing how you get on with the induction day activities.

Take care and continue to stay safe,

Gail McGuinness
Depute Head Teacher

