



P7 Parental Information and Update

29th March 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

I felt that this was an important time to share information with you regarding some aspects of our Primary 7 children's final term. We have been delighted to welcome all of our children back over the last two weeks and now want to plan to make this final term of primary school as special and enjoyable for our children as possible.

P7 Outdoor Activity Week:

During March we would of course have been going to Lockerbie Manor for our annual P7 residential week. During autumn 2020 it was confirmed that this would not be able to happen and, since that time, we have been planning what might be possible as an alternative week during the summer term.

During the last week we have been able to confirm planning for an outdoor school week, during the week commencing 17th May. The fine details of the week are still being confirmed as the restrictions and guidelines regarding Covid-19 become completely clear. Whilst we cannot of course have a residential/ overnight aspect to the week, I am delighted that we are able to plan to include the following:

- A day (coach) trip to Loch Lomond and Trossachs 'In Your Element' activity centre, including water sports and a tree-tops experience during the day (see <https://iye.scot/loch-lomond/#>)
- A day (coach) trip to the James Hamilton Heritage Park for a water-sports experience (see <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/james-hamilton-heritage-park-p252351>)
- A day shared between den, campfire building and outdoor games in Huntly Park, and an extended 'long-walk' activity to either Rouken-Glen or Pollok Park (packed lunch)
- A day shared between outdoor activities in the school playground/ local area and an extended biking experience to either Rouken-Glen or Pollok Park. Children can bring their own bikes or we will be able to supply one for your child
- An early evening event with food and drink on Thursday 20th May in our rear playground, to replace what would have been the 'disco' evening at Lockerbie Manor
- We cannot physically mix with children from either Braidbar or Thornliebank Primary Schools within our Woodfarm Cluster due to Covid-19 guidance, as we would normally do as part of our transition activities during this week. However, we are planning shared video calls and other experiences/ activities during the week, in order to as best replace this as we can



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All activities explained have been risk-assessed and provisional bookings are in place. All water-sports and events will be accessed with full safety equipment and guidance in place.

The school will be covering the cost of transport for our children, alongside other aspects of the week, and we have tried to minimise costs reasonably where at all possible. At this time, **a provisional cost per child will be £70**. We are still finalising a few aspects of the week, however this cost will not change significantly from this amount and we will confirm a definitive price with you by 26th April.

If possible, we would ask that the payment is made by the 16th May 2021; this will be done through your ParentPay platform. However, given the later planning and confirmation of this cost due to Covid-19, we understand that making this payment by this time may be challenging so we are able to extend this payment into June if this is helpful. Furthermore, if you have any questions around this payment, please contact one of the school's Leadership Team. We very much hope that all of our Primary 7 will be able to take part in these activities.

We will be sharing our plans with our Primary 7 children on Monday 29th March and before the Spring Break, so that they can begin to get excited about the week in advance.

Further information, including about suitable clothing etc., will be shared with you during late April however as this will not be a residential week, this organisation will be much easier for all our families.

P7 to S1 Transition events and planning:

A range of important transition activities have been planned for the summer term in conjunction with Woodfarm High School. Clearly, these must happen within the restrictions of Covid-19 health & safety guidance, however we will continue to do as much as is possible in the weeks ahead:

- Our P7 class teachers and Leadership Team have already begun sharing transition information about all of our children and this will happen as normal, using video calls with colleagues at Woodfarm as necessary
- Video calls and visits from the staff team at Woodfarm High School to Giffnock Primary are provisionally planned and will be used as needed, depending on Covid-19 restrictions
- It remains unclear at this point as to how much time our P7 children will be able to spend at transition 'days' at Woodfarm High School in June. We will continue to assess this after the Spring Break and confirm with you nearer that time.



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Other P7 planning for the summer term:

Our traditional **P7 Leavers Ceilidh/ Event** is still planned and in the calendar for the evening of Monday 21st June. We will have to adapt certain aspects of the event, including the likelihood of being outside in the rear playground, however we have already prepared the band for an outdoor performance and we will make the best of what we can!

Our **P7 Hoodies** are ordered and we hope that these may even arrive before the Spring Break. As soon as they do, and as an additional P7 privilege this year, our P7s are welcome to wear these to school as part of their uniform for the rest of the school year.

Along with Mr. McNeill and Mr. Hendry, I will be speaking with our Primary 7 children in the coming days about further ideas that they may have for their final term. This will include meeting with our House Captains, with the aim of making the very most of their final weeks. At the Parent Council meeting on Monday 22nd March, we discussed ideas that some of our P7 parents may have to share and I would very much welcome any thoughts or ideas you may have to support our children's enjoyment in their final term.

In these ways, I intend that we collectively make the coming weeks feel both special and celebratory for the children in all the ways that we can.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Lawson', written in a cursive style.

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher