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Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Cumbernauld Academy to begin their first year in August. Given the current situation, we were devastated that they were unable to take part in the planned three day transition programme in May. We understand the impact of the circumstances on everyone's mental and emotional wellbeing and how unsettling this can be for children – especially as they prepare for moving to Cumbernauld Academy. We also recognise that moving to high school is one of the most important transitions in a young person's school life and during these difficult times, we are determined to do all we can to support your child before they join our school community. We have already met (virtually) with all the Primary 7 staff and Head teachers to gather all information we need about your child to help us assemble classes for August which has been extremely helpful.

We have created a ‘Virtual Transition programme’ which began last week with the introduction of the P7 Transition Twitter page **(Cumbernauld Academy P7 Transition 2020)** which will provide you with details of this programme. The following things will be produced over the next few weeks to help put you and your child’s mind at ease:

* A series of ‘Meet the Team’ videos
* A PowerPoint produced by the Pupil Support Team
* A virtual tour of the school
* An S1 Teams page on GLOW
* A video from our current S1 pupils talking about their experiences
* A series of Tasks to be completed from all our faculties on Teams
* A virtual Assembly with Mr Cairns and Miss Hart to ask questions
* A Parent/Carer Information form to be completed to find out about your child

Although this will not replace the experience of attending the school, we hope that this will really help to settle the mind of your child and help reassure you that your child is important to us and want them to feel part of our school community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Miss Hart via email ([vhart@cumbernauldac.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:vhart@cumbernauldac.n-lanark.sch.uk)) and she will endeavour to answer any queries you may have. Further details regarding the arrangements for August will be issued to all Parents and carers in due course.

I hope you and your family continue to stay safe during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully



M Cairns

Head Teacher