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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our Nursery and P1 – P3 children have settled back in incredibly well. All our children from Nursery to P7 are an absolute credit to their families and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them, they truly are the best children in the world!

Staff have worked incredibly hard at getting things planned and organised for a safe return to the nursery/classroom and the children have engaged incredibly well with their learning. It has been lovely to see them all again and have some of the 'hustle and bustle' back in the building.

Staff also continue to work hard at home supporting the remote learning of our P4 – P7 children and when on rota in school supporting our keyworker and vulnerable children.

Thanks to all of you who have been following FACTS and helping to keep us safe as a school/nursery community, please continue to do this especially when at the school gate. Our children have been brilliant at heading in themselves in the mornings with you waving from a distance, so thank you! At home time please continue to follow the rules also as COVID doesn't disappear at home time and you are doing it to keep yourself and others safe.

Hopefully it won't be long until our P4 – P7 children return to the classroom however the date of the 15 March is not set in stone as you'll be aware from the updates from the Scottish Government. We are keeping everything crossed that it does go ahead as we can't wait to see ALL our children again back in the one place. I will keep you updated with any new information as and when I get it for P4 – P7.

We will be sending out a Microsoft SWAY soon which highlights the journey we have been on since August and we would encourage you to have a look over it when you get it, it will also be added to all our social media channels. There will be lots of information included regarding our improvement journey across the school and how things have changed for us as we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic. The nursery have already uploaded their SWAY of their improvement journey onto their TWITTER page, but this will also be sent out to the whole school/nursery community.

On a final note please do not worry about your child 'catching up' – unless it is catching up with their friends. We have a fantastic team of staff at New Monkland Primary and Nursery who will walk with your child hand in hand towards their best possible learning. As I have previously said if your child needs a hug they will get a hug, if they cry we will comfort them and if they just need a listening ear then we will always be there with that shoulder to lean on.

When lockdown is over and hopefully it will be over soon, we will continue that journey your child began at birth, learning with and from everything and everyone around them. In the meantime, always try and be kind to yourself too, sometimes we forget to be kind to ourselves also and as the saying goes - in a world where you can be anything – choose to be kind!



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Best wishes and I hope you continue to stay safe and well. If you need anything at all then just contact me by email or telephone.

Kind Regards

*Mrs M Reid*

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