

28/5/2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021, I would now like to confirm the transition arrangements which are taking place to support your child as they move to S1 in Park Mains High School.

### Visit to Park Mains HS

We had hoped to offer a traditional two day visit to our P7 pupils, but unfortunately recent guidance advises that this is not possible. We have now revised our plans in line with the latest government guidance. P7 pupils will be split into two groups which will allow us to retain existing primary class bubbles. Any mixed class will have a maximum of 10 pupils to allow for social distancing within the classrooms.

Each group will attend Park Mains High School for one day. In the morning, pupils will have the opportunity to meet the Pupil Support Team, experience the classroom environment and meet with a selection of teachers. Also during this time, pupils will become familiar with our Covid 19 protocols in relation to confirmed seating arrangements, hand sanitising and cleaning workspaces. The afternoon session will involve a range of outdoor activities and will be supported by our Active Schools Team.

Pupils should be at the front of the school for a 9.00 am start. They will gather at the front of the school in their primary class bubble. They will be met and escorted to an assigned classroom and will enter through the front door.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, a school lunch will be provided. Lunch will be served early to ensure that P7 pupils do not mix with other year groups. They will be seated in the street area. On completion pupils will move outside.

On the assigned day pupils must bring a face covering to school. Unless a pupil has an exemption, these face masks must always be worn when in the building except when seated for lunch. If a child does not have a face covering, one will be provided.

Pupils should meet at their primary school and will be escorted to Park Mains on foot if this is practical. For schools further away, specific transport arrangements will be made by your child's primary school. This is to ensure that primary class bubbles are maintained but also to dissuade additional adults from entering the school campus.

A specific timetable for your child will be provided via the primary school prior to the visit. Your child will either attend on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## Transition Programme

Our HomeLink team have visited with primary pupils to deliver the Transition to S1 programme. They have met with pupils and are working through a range of activities which will help to answer the many questions the young people have.

Pupils will also receive a visit from one of the Pastoral Care Team who will explain the role they play and how they can be of support to our young people when they enrol in S1.

A Twitter page has been set up to support the transition to S1. If you haven't already done so, follow @P7\_pmhs. You can also visit the school website for more information.

There will also be a virtual parent information video which will include relevant information about the school day, school uniform, attendance and late coming procedures, ParentPay, etc. There will be an input from the new Headteacher and the Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for S1. This will be uploaded to the school website on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into our school community in August.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Dewar  
Headteacher