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Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday 5th June 2020

We write to update you on our cluster plans for transition activities for our Primary 7 pupils across our cluster primary schools for June 2020.

As you will recall, transition in Trinity High Cluster begins at Primary 6, with a visit to Trinity High School on Freshers' Day in October and information evening for P6 and P7 parents. In Primary 7, our children once again visit Trinity High School in October and receive numerous visits and blocks of specialist teaching from Trinity High School staff (and our cluster transition teacher) throughout Primary 7 for Modern Language (Italian), Citizenship, Literacy, Numeracy, Art and Health and Wellbeing. Mrs Renfrew (Head Teacher) and members of the Senior Leadership Team of Trinity High School are regular visitors to our school, as are senior pupils. Mr Bruce, Trinity Home Link Worker, visits our school to support individual pupils and groups, and in March (May this year due to school closure) staff of our school and receiving secondary schools meet together to discuss all information important for the secondary school to know to ensure as smooth and positive transition as possible.

Ordinarily, our Primary 7 pupils would visit their new secondary school in June for Induction Days (and also Trinity High School Activity Days). However, due to school closure, this has been amended this year to provide an **alternative transition activities for our Primary 7 pupils on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June as follows:**

NB Due to our large number of P7 pupils we are only able to accommodate half of our classes at any one time, so we are running two separate sessions on each day. Please note below which session your child should attend on each of these days.

Monday 22nd June - 9.15am to 11.45am - Pupils with surnames beginning A-L

Monday 22nd June - 12.15pm to 2.45pm - Pupils with surnames beginning M-Z

The focus of this transition morning/afternoon will be "Endings and Beginnings", reflecting on the last 7 years at primary school and looking forward to new challenges at secondary school

Tuesday 23rd June - 9.15am to 11.45am - Pupils with surnames beginning A-L

Tuesday 23rd June - 12.15pm to 2.45pm - Pupils with surnames beginning M-Z

The focus of this transition morning/afternoon will be "Ready to Go!". In addition to final farewell activities on this day, staff of Trinity High School will visit to meet again with our Primary 7 pupils attending Trinity High School



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NB For health reasons, if your child is shielding or in the vulnerable category and is unable to come into the school building on these days, please contact the school and we will endeavour to find another way for them to participate eg a virtual visit

On both days

- Pupils may wish to wear Leavers' hoodies or school uniform or own choice of clothes
- Pupils should come in the main gate and line up at Primary 6/ 7 entrance door where teachers will be waiting (markers are on the ground to ensure social distancing)
- Pupils will be welcomed back into the current P7 base to ensure all pupils can be together whilst maintaining social distancing
- Whilst at school, regular handwashing, social distancing and all relevant Scottish Government guidance to ensure pupil wellbeing will be adhered to
- We would respectfully ask that parents DO NOT GATHER at the main gate and strictly adhere to social distancing
- We would remind all of our families about current Scottish Government restrictions and ask that NO GATHERINGS TAKE PLACE before or after either of the transition sessions

For pupils attending Trinity High School, further information, including a virtual tour of the school, is available on the school website <https://trinityhighrenfrew.co.uk/new-s1-pupils-parents-and-carers/>. Trinity High School's twitter account is also a great source of information and advice: @Trinityrenfrew .

Whilst this is not the end to primary school any of us would have wished for, we hope that our prior transition work and forthcoming alternative transition activities (detailed above) reassures you and gives you confidence as your child transitions to secondary school.

On behalf of the community of St. James' Primary School, we would like to wish all of our Primary 7 pupils and families every good wish and blessing for the future, and we look forward to hearing about our children's continued successes at secondary school and beyond.

Yours sincerely

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