Braehead Primary
Nursery to Primary 1
Virtual Transition Programme

2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into Primary 1 in Braehead Primary School in August 2020. In these unprecedented times we will strive to do what we can to ensure you and your child know the school and staff as well as possible. To prepare your child and yourself for Primary 1 we have a number of exciting and educational transition events planned for our nursery pre-school children between April and June. I can imagine that this may be an anxious time for you all, given the circumstances. If you have any questions about transition or Primary 1 please speak to a member of nursery staff or contact the school office.

Transition Meeting for Parents/Carers
This information session will be on Thursday 30th April at 2pm in a Google Meet. The link for this meet is meet.google.com/igd-rryt-wig If you are joining from an app on your mobile phone the code is igdrrytwig. This will be an opportunity to meet staff to find out about how transition is organised, what support we offer and to ask any questions you may have. There will be information available about how to join on the school website.

Nursery Visits
Usually, our Primary 1 teachers would take opportunities over May and June to visit children in their nurseries, including external nurseries. This helps them get to know your child in a setting which is familiar to them and to chat to early years' staff about their development, ultimately enabling the school to support all children to settle easily into school life in August.
Unfortunately, this will not be possible this year. However, in order to try and provide similar opportunities our P1 teachers have set up a Transition SeeSaw classroom, which is basically an on-line learning journal. The class teacher can make videos and share them with you and can receive information back from the children. This therefore provides a similar opportunity for the teacher to get to know her new class.   More information about this will follow.
In addition to this, teachers will be calling your child's keyworker for transition information from them also.

Classroom Experiences

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide children with these experiences this year. We will endeavour to provide an alternative as best we can. The class teachers will be providing children with similar classroom experiences through SeeSaw by reading stories and providing children with activities. We will also have a range of videos available of the school environment.

Buddies

Each child will be allocated a buddy from our current Primary 6 and Primary 1 class. The big buddies will create a getting to know you guide and will send it to your child through their teacher's on SeeSaw. In the new session as Primary 7s they will take responsibility for showing your child the ropes.

The little buddies will be allocated in the new term, they will be best suited to include your children in their games and introducing them to life in the early years wing. The aim of this is to ease the transition from nursery to primary and provide each child with buddies to support and reassure.

Parent/Carer Induction Evening

The information session will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 7.00pm within a Google Meet. The link to the meet is https://meet.google.com/age-xqsg-pai If you are joining from the Google Meet app on your mobile phone the code is agexqsgpai. This is an opportunity for you to find out about daily routines and expectations of our Primary 1 pupils and families. It will be an opportunity to meet the senior leadership team and to hear from some of our current primary 1 pupils and their views of their first year at the school. We will hopefully have an opportunity to evaluate the virtual transition process and if we can do anything else to support the transition process for you and your child. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any catering or dietary requirements with representatives from Stirling Council catering team.

P1 Virtual Teddy Bears Picnic
On Friday 22nd June at 12pm children will have the opportunity to spend time virtually with their class teacher and the senior leadership team. https://meet.google.com/fuh-zpjr-ofc
Code for app - fuhzpjrofc
You and your child are invited to prepare your lunch/picnic and join us for lunch. This will be a nice opportunity to enjoy lunch together before the summer holidays begin and another opportunity for your child to get to know their teacher.

Family Learning Events
We can imagine that there will be a very different start to Primary 1 across the world this year. While children get used to being back in an educational setting and with people they may not have met before, the staff will try extremely hard to make this process as gentle as possible.
In the first few weeks of Primary 1 you will be invited to attend a family learning event with your child. This event will give an insight into the type of learning that will occur across Literacy, Numeracy, Digital Learning and Health and Wellbeing. The teachers will also give ideas and suggestions as to the type of learning you can support your child with at home.

We know that this will be a very different experience for us all this year and you may not be able to access digital technology, if this is the case please contact the school at the e-mail address below and we will try to accommodate an adapted transition experience if possible. We do hope all parents and carers are able to attend our parent session on Thursday 30th April at 2pm when we will be able to share more about the transition process and your child's future Primary 1 experiences.

This programme is based on the possibility that schools do not open again until after the summer holidays. Should this change we will contact parents with alternatives but the dates may stay the same. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on braeheadps@glow.sch.uk. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Braehead Primary.

Yours sincerely,
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