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P1 Start of Term Arrangements

Dear parent carer,

We know your child starting school will be an exciting but also anxious time, particularly in light of the last few months.

Mrs Hall & Mrs Newall are looking forward to meeting all of P1 and welcoming them into school. Mrs Mckie, our support for learning assistant, will be working full time with P1 this term.

Over the first couple of weeks, the children will have the opportunity to play in their classroom and outdoors, getting to know the staff and make new friends. Please see our email sent earlier today with more information regarding arrangements for our school reopening, including lunch arrangements and timings for picking your child up. Our P1 Transition Hub on the website also has useful information, including Mrs Hall's starting P1 PowerPoint.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/drymenprimaryschool/p1-transition/>

P1 Start Times

We are proposing for P1, for the first two days (Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th), P1 could arrive at school between 9.10am-9.30am. At this time, both parents/carers could bring your child into school and you can take a photograph in the playground if you wish. Your child will then be greeted by Mrs Hall and Mrs Newall at the classroom door entrance to come into their classroom. We feel this slightly later time when the playground is quieter will help your child come into school. Unfortunately, at this point in time, adults cannot come into the classroom due to physical distancing. If your child has a sibling in another class, they may come to school at this time too or earlier at the normal time if they wish.

From Friday 14th, P1 can arrive for the normal time, school starting at 9am. Mrs Hall usually opens her classroom door from 8.50am to allow P1 a 'soft-start' to come into the classroom to get organised just before the start of the school day.

During the first few days for P1, the focus will be on establishing routines and providing opportunities for the children to connect with their friends and staff. They will develop their class charter and learn about our school values, Kindness, Respect and Teamwork. There will be opportunities for learning through play.

We intend to increase time spent learning outdoors. Therefore, please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket, wellies and a sun hat when appropriate. Thank you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Our office will reopen again on Monday 10th August and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

With thanks,

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Head Teacher.