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Primary
School

NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Transition Update – 1st June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

We trust you and your families are all well during this unusual time, and that you have had a chance to access the Transition information on our website.

We understand that many families will be waiting in anticipation for news on the next steps on the reopening of schools, and how this will look for our new P1 learners in August. Currently we are awaiting further information and guidance from Stirling Council about what our operating model will look like, and we will communicate further regarding this once we have much more firm arrangements in place. We know there is currently much speculation in the press and on social media round arrangements for children returning to school in August, but please be assured as soon as we have clear information on Stirling Council's model and initial information on our recovery plan, we will communicate this with you. We very much appreciate your support and understanding regarding this.

Our initial Transition Timetable indicated we would be able to advise you of your child's class teacher during the week commencing 8th June 2020. We are writing to advise you that due to the current and rapidly changing Covid-19 situation and **because our staffing arrangements have not been fully agreed yet**, we may not be able to deliver that information by that date and we thank you for your patience and understanding while we work through our plans around this. We will let you know this information as soon as possible.

Similarly, where in previous years we have been able to allocate each of our new P1 children a P7 'Buddy' **prior** to the new term, we are currently unable to do so until we know further about what our re-opening model will look like. We understand this may be disappointing for you and your child, however we would like to assure you that the health and wellbeing of all our learners is our utmost priority and once we have further information we will communicate this fully with you. Our plan is still to operate a buddy system when we return in August, however we will require to plan this around the guidance issued by the Scottish Government. Again, we thank you for your support and understanding around this.

Please continue to check the P1 Transition Hub on our school website for our Virtual Tour, P7 Buddy Questions, Activity Pack and New Start Information for Parents, which will be posted over the next fortnight.

We appreciate that this may be an anxious time for you and your child, and we would like to assure you that we are planning very carefully to ensure your child has the best start they can to Primary School. We would like to assure you that we will be transparent and timely with sharing information as and when we have it, and we thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

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