

Dear Parents & Carers



Primary 1 Transition Information 2020.

Thank you for your understanding and support over the past few months. We could never have imagined our Transition process would be so different to how it normally looks, however we hope that the content posted to the Transition Hub of our website has been helpful to you and your child.

Further to the Deputy First Ministers statement on Tuesday, we are now working towards a return to full-time schooling, subject to ongoing Public Health advice. We have also put in place, as required by the Scottish Government, contingency plans for a blended learning model, with pupils attending school and nursery on some days and learning at home on others. These contingency plans will be communicated to you in a separate email.

As part of our full time return, we are also now able to share with you our plans for your child's transition into P1, should we return in August as planned.

We appreciate that children have not been in Nursery since March therefore we wish to fully support a thorough and staggered transition into P1 to ensure your child has a positive first experience of school.

What will we do to support transitions in August?

You should have already received the Play in P1 at Newton info graphic, which details our absolute commitment to learning through play. Our P1 classrooms and open areas have been thoughtfully arranged to provide children with similar experiences to the ones they would have in nursery. You will see a wide range of play areas and activities that are available to the children to access freely.

The emphasis for the first few weeks of term will be on supporting and building relationships, allowing children to play, ensuring children feel comfortable and confident coming into school, and gradually and sensitively building daily routines that the children will become used to.

Further information around our Buddy programme will be communicated to you over the coming weeks. We hope that, and are planning for, children to meet their buddies on the first day of term, and that the Buddies will also help to support the transition process over week 1 and beyond.

Please see attached our plans for the first week of term. **Please note that these may be subject to change due to Public Health guidance and we will communicate the most up to date version of these plans in Week Commencing 3rd August.**

You will note from the plans that we have allowed for staggered drop off times through the week. Feedback from our Transition process last year stated that having too many adults in the classrooms at one time was overwhelming for some children, therefore we would ask that you are mindful of this and adhere to the time scales noted.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions regarding the transition process. We hope you have a relaxing summer break.

Kindest Regards,

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Wednesday 12th August

Drop off arrangements.

We would like to invite Miss Johnstone's class (P1J) to arrive at the P1 entrance of school (the THIRD and FURTHEST FIRE DOOR around the back of the school, This will be clearly marked by August) from **8.50 - 9am**. Staff will be on hand to direct you as required. One parent may accompany each child into the school building and will be welcome to stay with their child in the classroom to settle them in **until 9.15am**.

We would like to invite Miss Kemp's class (P1K) to arrive at P1 entrance school from **9.15am - 9.20am**. One parent may accompany each child into the school building and will be welcome to stay with their child in the classroom to settle them **until 9.35am**

After dropping your child off, all parents are welcome to gather for a coffee, tea and some cake in our outside classroom (at the front of the building) from 9.15 - 10.10am. If weather is inclement alternative arrangements will be made.

Pick up arrangements

We understand that parents may be concerned about their child being in school for a full day initially, therefore we are giving parents the option to pick their child up at lunchtime, **should they wish**.

Children will have their lunch in school, and parents are welcome to pick up their child at **12.20pm**. Children can be collected from the P1 entrance. If you intend to do this there will be a register in the classroom for you to sign in the morning.

If you wish your child to remain in school until pick up we would ask that your collect your child at **2.50pm** from the P1 entrance.

Thursday 13th August

Drop off arrangements

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We would like to invite Miss Johnstone's class (P1J) to arrive at school from **9.15am - 9.20am**. One parent may accompany each child into the school building and will be welcome to stay with their child in the classroom to settle them **until 9.35am**

After dropping your child off, all parents are welcome to gather for a coffee, tea and some cake in our outside classroom (at the front of the building) from 9.15 - 10.10am. If weather is inclement alternative arrangements will be made.

<p>Pick up arrangements</p>	<p>Children will have their lunch in school, and parents are welcome to pick up their child at 12.20pm again should they wish. Children can be collected from the P1 entrance. If you intend to do this there will be a register in the classroom for you to sign in the morning.</p> <p>If you wish your child to remain in school until pick up we would ask that you collect your child at 2.50pm from the P1 entrance.</p>
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Friday 14th August

<p>Drop off arrangements</p>	<p>We will invite all children in both classes to arrive at 8.50am and line up at their allocated class spot at the P1 entrance. (Children will have practised this throughout the week with their class teachers). At 9am the P7 buddies will meet your child and line up with them and all children will be escorted into school by their class teachers and the P7 buddies.</p> <p>We would encourage you at this point to step back and allow your child to come into school independently so they begin to get used to this - we know this may be daunting to let them go but please be assured it is wonderful first step in developing their independence! As always, the Senior Leadership Team and SLA staff will be there to support your child if required.</p>
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<p>Pick up arrangements</p>	<p>To celebrate your child's first week at school we would like to invite you to join us and the Buddies in the school field at 2.30pm, if you are available, where we have a surprise planned!</p> <p>Should the weather not be favourable, we will communicate alternative arrangements to you.</p>
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