

Education Resources Executive Director Tony McDaid Duncanrig Secondary School Head Teacher Lyndsay McRoberts

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. Following recent advice from the government, I am delighted to let you know that we will be able to host a transition event for P7 pupils before the end of term. To allow us to ensure safe social distancing we will be inviting the pupils in for an hour and a half visit in their primary groups on Thursday 18th June or Friday 19th June. Details are as follows:

Thursday 18th June

9.30am – 11am Crosshouse Primary School and some placing requests

11.30am – 1pm Kirktonholme Primary and Murray Primary

1.45pm – 3.15pm South Park Primary and East Milton Primary

Friday 19th June

9.30am - 11am Mossneuk Primary

11.30am – 1pm Greenhills Primary and Castlefield Primary

1.45pm – 3.15pm Canberra Primary, Heathery Knowe Primary and Auldhouse Primary

Parents and carers are kindly asked to respect social distancing while dropping pupils off and collecting them. Staff will be at the front door to welcome pupils when they arrive to direct them and help maintain social distance as the pupils enter the building. Risk assessments have been completed for the visit following the new guidance from the government and SLC. The school is being deep cleaned on a regular basis following the new guidelines. Pupils can wear their primary uniform for the visit if they still have one. If they have outgrown it or you have had a clear out casual clothes are fine.

During the visit pupils will meet me, our head teacher Mrs McRoberts and some of the Pupil and Learning Support staff who will play a key role in supporting your child when they start at Duncanrig. Some staff from the primary schools and enhanced transition team will also attend to ensure there are some familiar faces for the pupils when they arrive.

I will let pupils know which register class they will be in and talk to them about their timetables and the structure of the school day when they start in August. I appreciate school will be very different from normal when they start in August and want to share as much information as we can with them about this to try to reassure them. They will have the opportunity to ask questions and to have a short tour of the building in a small group.





I am glad we are able to offer your child the opportunity to visit us before the summer holidays and hope it will help alleviate any anxieties they may have. However, I appreciate some of you may have a child or family member shielding and may be unable to attend. Please let me know if this is the case and I will ensure your child receives the information we will issue at the visit.

On another note, I have passed information to all the primary schools about uniform. Our supplier Academy Uniforms is now entirely online at www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk and they require any orders before 20th June to allow them time to process them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in recent weeks and your positive feedback about the transition materials we have been sharing on your child's P7 Google Classroom and on our website. I have been able to chat to many of your children on their Google Classrooms in recent weeks and have been impressed by how well they are coping with a difficult situation. I am very much looking forward to meeting them soon.

If you have any queries about the visit or any other issues you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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