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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well. I have put together some updates from the school within this letter that I hope you find useful. Information regarding the return to school in August will be sent out next week, as per the EDC communication yesterday and I will continue to keep you informed of any further updates throughout the summer period as well. I appreciate that this is very anxious time for our pupils, parents and staff and there may be a lot of questions surrounding the return to school and I will try my best to answer these questions, where I can. Further information can also be found on the EDC website.

At this point I am continuing to work with EDC, following the Scottish Government directives, looking at our recovery plan for WCPS. Our planning is taking into consideration key aspects outlined below and this will inform our School Improvement Planning:

1. Health and Wellbeing (particularly nurture)
2. Family Engagement
3. Transitions (including key transitions at Nursery/P1 and P7/S1 stage)
4. Ensuring equity and educational continuity

Health and safety is at the heart of our planning, as is the Health and Wellbeing of all our pupils and staff. Currently, staff are undertaking further professional learning and training on a wide range of Health and Wellbeing aspects to support the transition back to school and also when the children return. This has included professional learning on Nurture, Compassionate Classrooms, PATHs, Emotion works and Coaching. We are also working closely with our Educational Psychologists to ensure we are taking into consideration a wide range of factors. We have been busy making the school and classrooms welcoming and bright for our pupils returning in August and have also been looking at how we will support the transition back to school. Our Live Team meets have now taken place for the mainstream over the last two weeks, and our ELR will be holding Live Team meets with their classes next week. Thank you for all the positive and constructive feedback we have had regarding these sessions. We have taken on board all feedback given so far from these Live Meets and will use this to look at how we can improve moving forward into the new session.

Outdoor Learning will take place when we return – as it does already – however, I want to reassure parents that any outdoor learning that will take place will be meaningful and appropriate. Children will not be outside all day, every day. There are many benefits to taking learning outdoors, and we have always encouraged this throughout the school as part of the curriculum, and we will continue to do so. Within the school we will be setting up a staff working party who will be looking at how we appropriately continue to develop our Outdoor Learning across the school, taking into consideration Local and National directives and guidance.

Transitions is a key area as there has been a significant period of school closure and further information regarding transitions will be provided in due course, however, this also encompasses the Health and Wellbeing areas that are currently being developed across the school. Our normal procedures will continue to be in place in regards to how Class Teachers and the Senior Leadership Team support the smooth transition from one-year group to another. We have been developing our Primary 1 and Primary 7 transition approaches over the last couple of weeks to support the transition from Nursery – P1 and Primary 7 – S1. This has included working in partnership with families, nurseries and secondary schools, to provide a variety of videos, calls, emails and visits to the school. We are sad that we haven't been able to hold our normal transition events, however, we have adapted these to ensure that we have alternatives in place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA for all their support with organising and providing gifts to both our new P1s and our P7s who will be moving on to secondary school.

Further information regarding a blended learning approach will be shared over the next few weeks, over the summer period and into the new school session. We currently have a working party within the school focussing on ensuring there is equity of provision and educational continuity. We are also using information we have gathered from both our Parental and Staff Home Learning surveys to inform our planning and development. If you have not yet completed this survey, if you are able to do this, it would be good to have further Parental voice to ensure that what we put in place takes into consideration feedback from the wider parent body. You can complete this by clicking on the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKRDWZ2qtYT9Cj5fLfljox0BUMIVSNTJYTVBCRkVTSkYwMkhXV0xDR0ZUSy4u>

Reporting and communication with our families is also key, and we will be seeking further views on how we effectively report and communicate and can continue to improve and adapt what is currently in place as we move forward. As our current Primary 7s are leaving and moving to secondary school after the summer, they will receive their reports next week. Reports will be handed to the P7s individually in person. All other reports will be issued in August, once the children return.

We understand that this has been challenging for everyone and we would like to thank you for all your continued support. Thank you also for the kind messages that we have received, these have all been passed on to all the staff. Please give your little ones a big hug from all of us, we are thinking of them all and we are very excited about welcoming them back to school in August.

Best wishes



Mrs Fiona Kynigos  
Head Teacher



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