Primary 1 Transition 2020

The process of transition from a child’s ELC to Primary 1 is an important one for all concerned and a positive experience of transition can have a lasting impact on a child and family’s experience of education.

“Children’s transition to school has implications for their learning and development both at the time of the transition and into the future”

*(Sayers et al. 2102) cited in Continuity of Learning*

As you know, we are currently facing unprecedented times, and things are changing on a daily basis. However, we are still committed to getting your child’s transition into Primary School right and we want to share our plans with you now.

**Virtual Tour**

Take a **virtual tour** of the school.

***By the end of May***, we’ll send you a link to allow you and your child to journey through the school! It’s not quite the same as being in the building but it will allow you to get to know the layout of the building and what to expect in the P1 classrooms.

**Get to know us!**

If you haven’t done so already, please:

* Take some time to view our **school website** which provides a wealth of information about our school **https://danderhall.mgfl.net/**
* Download our school app (see welcome pack for more information)
* Follow us on **Twitter** **@DanderhallPS** to view and engage with our vibrant school community
* Read our **P1 Handbook**, which is being delivered to you this week.

**Communication with ELC’ Settings**

Key staff from our school will liaise with ELC Settings to share information about your child’s progress, achievements and next steps. This will include their Learning Profiles and Transition Records.

This will support us with planning for their move to Primary 1.

We know some settings are currently closed, but we will communicate with them ***as soon as we can***.

**Welcome Pack**

We will send out a **welcome pack *by the end of May***. This includes letters about school uniform, ParentPay, Seesaw, After School Club, information about our school app etc. It also contains a small information booklet for you about our school.

Some things will have to change due to the current situation. For example, the timings of the school day and school dinners may look a bit different to how they were running previously. We will let you know these changes when we have more information.

**Virtual Information Event**

***In June*** we will share a link for you to meet your Primary One teacher and other key staff.

**Enhanced Transition**

Moving from one setting to another can be a daunting process. Your child may benefit from additional support to manage this transition. If you have concerns about how your child will settle into his / her new environment or feel your child would benefit from additional support, please contact us by email, F.A.O **Miss Nicola Clarke**, on **danderhall.ps@midlothian.gov.uk**

Your child may be identified as benefiting from an enhanced transition by ELC staff. If this is the case, we will speak with you directly. We will work with you and our partner agencies to plan effectively for their transition into school.

**Preparing for P1 at home**

If you are currently in Danderhall ELC, **continue to access the Home Learning grids via the school app.** These will soon be available on Seesaw.

**Download Seesaw CLASS App**

Use the Seesaw QR code **enclosed in your P1 Welcome Pack** to access your child’s online learning profile.

We intend to use this as our main platform for communication between now and August.

Please ensure safe use of this platform and respect our Digital Citizenship policy (in particular, please do not screenshot).

**Throughout June** we will provide further information for you to access the ‘Home Learning’ features of Seesaw. This will allow you to upload photographs to your child’s journal page and complete activities set by ELC and P1 staff.

**Social Stories**

We have already uploaded a **Social Story** to Seesaw for you to share with your child. It is called **‘Going to School’** and will help them understand the changes ahead and their move into our school.

***As soon as possible*** we will upload another story called **‘The Adults in School’** where you will find information about your child’s class teacher.

**Transition Project**

Our first topic in Primary 1 will be ‘**Fairyland**’. Our ELC settings will send out some activities that will act as an introduction to this topic ***in June***.

**Keeping in Touch**

We will be in touch with you all ***before the Summer Holidays*** via phone.

Please be aware that staff are using personal mobile devices and their numbers will show as ‘withheld’. If we cannot contact you we will leave a message and call back later.

Staff from Danderhall Primary will engage with families virtually through Seesaw, our online learning platform.

If you have any questions or concerns, at any point, please send an email F.A.O **Miss Nicola Clarke** at **danderhall.ps@midlothian.gov.uk**

**How to access this information**

Some of this information has been delivered to you and some will be posted on our school app / website.

We hope to use Seesaw as our main communication tool.