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Dear Parents and Carers,

Primary 1 Transition

Over the years, our school has developed a transition programme that allows children to transition from Nursery to Primary 1 in a smooth and meaningful way. However due to the pandemic and current restrictions we have had to alter the activities that your child would have normally taken part in.

The primary schools within the Lasswade Learning Community have been working together to plan transitions which are similar, so that all children receive an equitable experience.

Our transition programme for session 2020-2021 will be split into 2 parts and we have started to post updates of this on our ELC/nursery/P1 Transition page on our Website.

VIRTUAL transition (through our website loanhead.mgfl.net)

- School handbook and power-point (usually presented at parent afternoon) will be available for parents providing key information about starting school.
- A transition programme for all children joining Loanhead P1 in August
- You should already have received information from your child's buddy
- A 360 virtual tour of our school.
- Contact with school through email loanhead_ps@midlothian.gov.uk.
- Further updates such as school uniform information and other relevant information.

PHYSICAL transition

- When it is deemed appropriate and following advice from the Scottish government, children will have the opportunity to visit their new class and meet their teacher.

We know this is a very worrying time for everyone, particularly if you have a child who is due to start school in August. Like you, we are waiting for national guidance around the reopening of schools. At this stage, we cannot tell you exactly when your child will start, but we will ensure that their classroom is a safe environment and that they are welcomed warmly. Children learn best when they feel secure, safe and happy. The wellbeing of our children will be our first priority. We will keep you updated as soon as we are informed.

We know that families have been encouraging their children's learning at home, and this has been important in developing their knowledge and understanding. Please don't worry if there are skills your child doesn't yet have. Every child is an individual and we are experienced and ready to welcome everyone. Play and learning will go hand in hand once your child joins Primary 1. The priority at this time is to ensure children are safe, happy and ready for the excitement of starting school.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or want to share information that would support your child's transition to school please contact me through email at d.donnelly@mgfl.net

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to Loanhead PS.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diane Donnelly