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Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to Primary One at Mauricewood Primary

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Mauricewood Primary School. Starting Primary One is a very exciting and important time in a child's life and it is important that we work together to support our new P1 learners to have a successful transition to school.

Below is an overview of how we plan to support the transition process this year. Further details will follow. We ensure equity of experience across all our feeder settings, so whether your child is in Mauricewood ELC or another setting, they will have the opportunity to participate in all our transition events.

Parent / Carer Information Event

We are inviting you to attend an information sharing event at Mauricewood PS on **Thursday 8th June between 5.30 and 6.30pm**. There will be a short information session with members of the Senior Leadership Team and an opportunity to have a tour of the school, including the P1 classrooms and shared spaces. You will also receive an information pack. We are unable to offer childcare during this event and ask that, wherever possible, children do not attend.

Communication

The school app is our main way of communicating with and sharing information with our families. We will also use this to share transition information with you. You can access the app by taking the following steps: go to your App Store / Google Play and search for School App for Parents; download the app and then select Mauricewood Primary School from the drop down menu. We are currently updating our school website so that you can also access transition information on there. Please check this so that you can keep up to date with news and information from the school.

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Transition Activities

Mid-Mouse

We will be participating in the Midlothian Mid-Mouse project again this year. All new P1's will be gifted a knitted mouse which they will bring with them from their ELC to P1. Children in a Midlothian setting will receive their mouse from their setting and arrangements will be made for anyone from a setting out with Midlothian to collect their mouse. We will be sharing linked stories and activities which you and your child can also engage in. All of this will take place towards the end of the summer term.

In-Person Visits for Children

Our main transition visits will be take place in June and there will be a range of opportunities, including:

- ❖ You are invited to come to the school for a tour. These will take place **12th May at 9.30** and on **19th May at 9.30**. Please contact the school to book a space on one of the tours.
- ❖ A visit to the school for each new P1 child to spend some time in their classroom with their new teacher. **'Meet the Teacher'** for new P1s will take place on **Thursday 15th June, from 9.30 - 11.00am**. For parents of pupils from other settings, tea and coffee will be provided so that parents can meet and mingle
- ❖ A family Book Bug session at Mauricewood ELC on **Thursday 15th June at 3.30pm**
- ❖ A Nature Play experience in our local woodland, run by our ELC staff. You and your child will be invited to come along on **one** of these dates: **Tuesday 6th June; Thursday 8th June or Wednesday 14th June** from 9.30 - 11.00. Consent forms and confirmation of which date you and your child are invited to attend will follow.
- ❖ You and your child are invited to join us at our whole school family picnic on **Friday 26th May**. This has been organised by our PTA and more information will follow.

Sharing Information/Meeting Learners' Needs

Please be assured that we will be in discussion with all our feeder settings to ensure the appropriate transfer of relevant information and ensure a detailed handover once the staffing for the P1 classes next year is finalised. Some learners require an enhanced transition and this will be discussed with ELC settings, parents / carers and multi-agency teams as appropriate.

Please complete the enclosed 'Health and Wellbeing Information' form. This should be returned during the Parent / Carer information evening or can be handed into the school office if you are unable to attend.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Information Sharing Event on 8th June.

With Kind Regards

Jane Cunningham - Depute Head Teacher (Acting)

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