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Dear Parent and Carers

P1a Welcome Letter

Welcome back! We have been delighted to be able to reopen our school doors again and reconnect with learners and build new relationships. It's been great to meet some of you outside at the end of the day, and I look forward to meeting everyone else soon. Already we are settling in, enjoying being in Primary 1, and looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Although there is currently a relaxation towards the wearing of school uniform, where possible we still encourage children to wear it at all stages. We have a bank of nearly new school uniform, please contact Lee Grieve (Home School Practitioner) if you would like to access this resource.

Primary 1a will have PE on a Wednesday. During this time children are encouraged to wear sportswear to school on the days they have PE as our changing rooms are to remain closed until further notice.

It is still possible to get in a muddle with clothing and personal items, so if you could remember to label everything it would be very much appreciated! Please send a full, fresh water bottle to school with your child daily - as we actively encourage drinking water in class to help keep us thinking! Although children cannot use the water fountains to drink from, they can fill their water bottles up, as and when required.

During this time the catering services are unable to provide snacks at break times. Children are advised to bring one snack from home.

As part of the arrangements for non-contact time, Mrs Mitchell will be teaching 1a on a Wednesday every week, although this could be subject to change throughout the year.

Home learning this session will consist of initial sound letter formation practise and number work pack activities. In Term 2 Primary 1 will be issued with optional learning log activities, the dates for these are detailed below. Across the year there may also be whole school homework challenges. We also challenge our families to try and complete the '50 things to do as a family around Newtongrange' grid. Reading will begin for Primary 1 in Term 3 (after the Christmas holidays).

Term 1	Starts in Term 2 for P1		
Term 2	27.10.20	16.11.20	
Term 3	11.1.21	16.2.21	8.3.21
Term 4	26.4.21	17.5.21	

Lunchtime for P1 is currently from 12:30pm – 1:15pm daily until further notice. Children are requested to bring a packed lunch to school, unless school meal has been ordered. During this time, children are eating their lunches in their classrooms.

Children can come to school on their bikes or scooters. There is a bike rack to store them during the day and we advise children to padlock them for safety. Children are requested not to cycle or scooter in the playground due to health and safety. All children cycling or scootering to school should be wearing a safety helmet.

The whole school community will continue to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19. It is essential that your child does not attend school if symptomatic, but instead self-isolate (along with their household) and follow guidance on NHS Inform and from Test and Protect.

If your child will be absent from school we request that you call the school before 9:30am in the morning to inform us. The school telephone number is 0131 271 4645.

We hope that your child will enjoy the year ahead and give their best in all that they do. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or the school. Lastly, we regularly 'tweet' pictures of the learning in our school. You can follow our twitter account @**NewtongrangePS** to keep up to date.

Kind regards

Miss Hannah Laidler
P1a Class Teacher