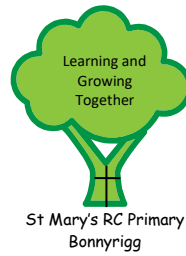


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*****PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SCHOOL ADDRESS*****

May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Primary 1 Transition

Over the years, St Mary's has developed a transition programme that allows children to move 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 normally have taken part in.

All primary schools have been working together to plan transitions which are similar, so that all children receive an equitable experience.

Our transition programme for session 2021-2022 will begin from Wednesday 12th May 2021.

VIRTUAL transition for adults

- There will be a virtual meeting and virtual tour of the school for all new parents with the Headteacher, Mrs Laird, on Wednesday 12th May at 7:00pm – zoom invitations have been emailed to you. The powerpoint and virtual tour will also be available on the school website after the meeting, if you are unable to join the meeting.
- A pack of information including the school handbook, letters and consent forms will be sent home with your child if in a Council Nursery, or can be collected from the school office if in a Private setting from Monday 10th May. The pack will also include some helpful guides - I Can booklet, Handwriting /number formation guides
- In early June, you will receive a phone call from the school to talk through any concerns you have about your child and to share any information we need to know such as medical conditions, allergies, ASN.
- All school uniform can be purchased directly from Borders Embroidery by 20th July at the latest for delivery before the August school start date - <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools>

ACTUAL transition for children

- Unfortunately due to the current Covid restrictions in school, we are unable to invite the children in for visits. Instead your ELC provider will plan transition activities for the children. We will be using the Mid Mouse Resources to help support your child move into P1 at St Mary's (more information to follow)

St Mary's Nursery staff will complete progression pathways for your child which will be passed on to the P1 teacher and they will have a transition meeting with the P1 teacher. If your child is coming from a different setting, we will be in touch with your child's ELC for further information about your child.

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 continue to go hand in hand once your child joins P1.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or want to share information that would support your child's transition to school please contact us by email. stmarys_ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Liz Laird
Headteacher