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**Your ref:** P1 Letter for Parents  
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Dear Parents and Carers of our new Primary 1 pupils,

### **Transition to Primary 1 for August 2020**

As we enter our summer term, a time of year when we would normally be welcoming you and your child into our school for our wide range of transition activities, I just wanted to write to you to reassure you that we will do all we can to support your child's transition to primary school whilst our school remains closed.

As you are all fully aware, we are in unprecedented times. We could never have anticipated the challenges we now find ourselves facing, not just managing to navigate our way through lockdown, but also looking ahead to when and how we will begin to return to some sort of normality.

Preparing your child to start primary school is an anxious time for parents at the best of times, and these are certainly not the best of times. It is absolutely understandable that you will be experiencing additional concerns about what your child's transition to primary will look like.

Please try not to worry too much (believe me, I know how difficult that is!). We are working very hard to put together a transition programme for your little one which will ensure that their transition from nursery to primary is as smooth as possible. It will not look like the one that we had planned, or might have wanted, but we must do our best to make the most of the circumstances we currently find ourselves in.

As I have said to our Calderwood families, our normal world is on 'pause' at the moment, and there is no point in pretending otherwise. I am keenly aware that in addition to our shared experience, our families are all facing their own individual challenges, from those who are key workers and are balancing their crucial roles

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with the needs of their family, to those concerned about the health and wellbeing of loved ones, or worried over work and finances. With this in mind, we want to try to minimise the additional stress of preparing your child for school.

It is very important at the moment that we can communicate with you. The best way for us to do that is through our school App. I have sent instructions of how to download this with this letter. Please also look at our Twitter page (@CalderwoodSLC), our website and our Parent Council Facebook page. We will be posting information, activities and surprises for your wee one on these platforms.

Unfortunately, I do not know what our return to school will look like, nor do I know when this will happen. We are committed to providing an opportunity for you and your child to visit us at Calderwood before they start with us, however, this will all depend on whether we can arrange for this to happen safely. Please be reassured that however this unfolds, we will do our utmost to ensure that you and your child have all the information you need to ensure their move to Calderwood is a positive experience for you both.

Our children are very resilient – more than we often think (especially the ones we are lucky enough to have at Calderwood, because they are especially awesome). Every child in Scotland has been impacted by the school and nursery closures. They are all in the same boat. The priority for all of us just now is to keep them safe, happy and healthy. Our job is to help you to do this as best we can.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the Calderwood school community. We are incredibly lucky to be supported by such amazing parents, carers, Parent Council and wider community. I know that you will be made to feel very welcome.

This situation is new for all of us. It is uncertain and, at times, frightening - but we'll get there. It will be OK. We will work together as a community to support one another. Your child will have a positive start to their school life – just not one we might have imagined.

Please keep an eye on our App, Twitter page, website and Parent Council Facebook page. If there is anything additional I can do to help or support you or your family, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Take care and stay safe,

*Mrs Innes* 