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Primary One Transition Programme (Aug 2020)

Hello, first of all I hope this letter finds you and your family well during this uncertain time.

I am writing to introduce myself and welcome you and your child to Balmuildy Primary School in August 2020. I am Mrs Jarman, one of the Depute Head Teachers, and part of my role at school is to manage and deliver our Primary One transition programme which lets us get to know each other really well and helps you and your child become familiar with our school environment.

Due to the very different situation we are in currently, and potentially for the foreseeable future, we have been working on adapting some aspects of our programme. This kind of distance transition is new to us as and we will develop our plans as we move forward and be sure to include any new national or local guidance around transitions. Please bear with us in this new situation and be reassured that we will get your child off to the best possible start that we can.

I also want to reassure you that, although the school building is closed, preparations are well under way to welcome our new Primary 1 children to Balmuildy Primary. Our Principal Teacher, Mrs McBride and I have already visited all of our local nurseries where we met your children and spoke to their key workers. Some of our children come from nurseries slightly further away and so we have had telephone conversations with key workers. This has already helped us begin to gather important information that allows us to get to know your children.

Another important part of transition is to help your child get to know key members of staff before they start school so I have uploaded a short presentation to our school website that you can share as often as you want with your child. If you go to our school website www.balmuildy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk and click on Parent Info you will see a section for P1 Transition, click on this to find our Welcome to Balmuildy presentation.

Another important piece of information to note is that I am writing this letter to **all our catchment children** currently enrolled for Balmuildy Primary as school placing requests out to other schools have not been confirmed yet. This process is due to be completed by the end of May 2020. We plan to be in regular contact with you over the coming weeks to keep you up to date with everything you need to know about our school and to continue to gather information about your child.

Another way to keep informed about our school is to follow us on Twitter @balmuildyps.

I very much look forward to meeting you all just as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Carol Jarman

Depute Head Teacher