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Dear Parent/Carer

P7 Transition 2020

As you are aware, your son or daughter will be joining us at St David's High School in August. In these unprecedented times, however, we are not yet sure how this will look, but will do our best to keep you informed in line with Midlothian advice and guidance.

This is an exciting but daunting prospect for many young people, even in normal circumstances. We wish to ensure that our new S1 pupils have as much information as possible to allow for a smooth and worry-free transition; the table below outlines our plans.

Transition Programme	Time Scale
St David's HS Support Team begin phone calls to all families (calls will continue through June)	25 May
Transition Information booklet emailed to all families	29 May
Parent information presentation on website	29 May
Pupil Information leaflet on website	29 May
Virtual tour launch on website	10 June
2 day virtual Transition Programme on Google Classroom and website	10-11 June
Welcome pack delivery including free school tie	June

School Uniform

We value the support from you in ensuring that pupils wear school uniform as this creates a strong sense of identity. Our school dress code is:

Dark trousers/skirt (not jeans) with either plain blue or white collared shirt and school tie

Grey jumper/cardigan

Sensible dark shoes

Parents will be given information about ordering school blazers in the near future.

P7 Transition Visit: 10 - 11 June 2020

This year the 2 Day Transition Visit on the 10 -11 June will be a 'virtual' experience and the table below outlines what the two days will look like for your child.

The visit will be as follows:

10 -11 June	There will be a number of activities and information that you and your child will be able to access, either via our website or on the Google Classroom platform with which most P7s are familiar eg: • Video tour of the school building • Videos to meet your child's Guidance Teacher • Our School Values and Expectations • Lessons and activities from a range of subjects: Maths, English, Science, Home Economics, Modern Languages, History, Geography, Computing, RE, PE, Craft & Design, Music and Art
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We will publish a programme with suggested times on the school website on Monday 8 June, but the two days are very flexible and the activities will be accessible as and when your child would like to engage in them. The programme will be sent to you a week prior to the two days to allow you to prepare in advance for any of the activities.

Parents' Information Presentation

In normal circumstances we would look forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Information Evening, which should take place in St David's High School on Wednesday 10 June. Instead we will be post the presentation on the website for you to see, and you can email me directly at K.Williamson@mgfl.net if you have any questions arising from it.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children and hope that the transition plans will be a valuable experience for them to prepare for coming up to High School.

You will appreciate that some of this information may change as we work in line with guidance and advice from the Scottish Government.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully


 Kathryn Williamson
Depute Headteacher