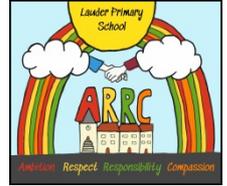




LAUDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Promoting a culture of excellence that supports and challenges every child to achieve their potential."



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Dear P1 Parent

We are very much looking forward to your child starting P1 with Lauder Primary School in August. At present, there is little clarity about when school will re-open and when we do, what that may look like. We are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government Education Recovery group.

Although we cannot have our 'normal' transition arrangements due to lockdown, we are in the process of planning transition materials that we can share with you. We are hopeful these will be with you next week. In normal circumstances, there would be an information evening where the staff and I would be sharing this information.

Currently we have 28 P1 pupils enrolled for August. The maximum class size for a P1 class is 25 pupils. For a composite class, which is a class made up of two or more year groups; the maximum is also 25 pupils. At present, based on the total number of pupils in the school, we will form nine classes. We have planned a P1 of 21 and a P1/2 of 24 (made up of seven P1 and seventeen P2). I MUST stress this is a very early draft and this actual number may change!

When forming composite classes we use Scottish Borders Council Class Composition Policy (found on the SBC website) which states that age is the criteria to be used. There are a couple of exceptions to those criteria, including twins and children with significant needs who have other agencies involved. What the age criteria means is that the oldest P1 pupils will be in the P1/2 with the youngest P2 pupils. At this stage, we are still firming up the teachers in the school but hope to share that information shortly.

Hopefully the transition material we are putting together will be with you next week, but in the meantime, can I encourage you to contact me through the school email if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Vannan
Headteacher

Ambition

Respect

Responsibility

Compassion