



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. We are hoping that some of the current restrictions may be lifted but a lot depends on what happens over the summer. I will keep in contact with parents over the holiday period with any updates.

Although we cannot have our 'normal' transition arrangements due to Covid restrictions, we are in the process of planning your child's transition. Hopefully, in the next few weeks, there will be documents and videos we have produced on the school website that you and your child can view.

In normal circumstances, there would be an information evening where the staff and I would be sharing information. However with the current restrictions, we hope you find the information on the website helpful.

Currently we have 35 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 in total. We have planned two P1 classes but I ***MUST*** stress this is a very early draft of the class structure and it may be we have to change the structure if new pupils arrive. This would likely result in a P1 class and a P1/2 class. More information will be sent out later this term.

When forming composite classes we use Scottish Borders Council Class Composition Policy https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/346/admissions_and_composite_class_policy 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 additional needs. What the age criteria means is that the oldest P1 pupils will be in the P1/2 class with the youngest P2 pupils.

At this stage, we are still confirming teachers in the school but hope to share who the teachers will be later in the term.

I hope that the transition material, available shortly on the website will be helpful. 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