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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new Primary One Pupils to Hillhead Primary School next week. Following the Depute First Minister's announcement on Thursday 30th July, the children will now be able to begin school in August in classes instead of the blended learning groups we had written to you about before the summer holidays.

This session, we are able to have four Primary One classes. This ensures that your children will start Primary One in a class smaller than the maximum number of 25 pupils, with classes organised this way to help support your child(ren) begin school following a period of considerable change. We are delighted that Miss Wilson will also be joining Miss Caulfield (Principal Teacher), Miss Beattie and Miss Marquis to teach Primary One. Teaching will now return to the classrooms with lots of opportunities still provided for play based learning.

There are several factors we consider when making classes. This includes friendship groups, gender, languages, and additional support needs. If you returned a Friendship Jigsaw in June, we have used this information to help place your child in a class with at least one of their friends. We have also referred to the transition information from your child's Early Years Establishment to guide our decisions.

In the absence of our usual induction days, the Primary One Team have been busy filming a 'Primary One Storytime' where they introduce themselves to the children and read them a lovely story with an important message. We will make this available on Monday morning and will also share details of an introduction activity that your child(ren) might like to take part in during the first week of term.

From Wednesday 12th August until Friday 14th August, Primary One will attend school every day with a soft start in the morning and an earlier collection time gradually building to a full day from Friday 14th August. Each Primary One class will be asked to arrive and be collected from the Courtyard playground (accessed from Kelvin Way and next to Kelvin Park Early Years). On Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August Primary One Parents will also be able to enter the Courtyard Playground with their child(ren) due to the staggered start and collection times. Please note that due to physical distancing, parents will be unable to enter the playground from Friday 14th August but will be able to drop their children off with staff located at the gate at Kelvin Way.

Please find details of the start and collection times for each class below.

	Wednesday 12 th August	Thursday 13 th August	Friday 14 th August
P1a Miss Marquis	Start 9.50am Collection 11.50am	Start 9.50am Collection 1.50pm	Start 9am Collection 3.10pm
P1b Miss Beattie	Start 10am Collection 12pm	Start 10am Collection 2pm	Start 9am Collection 3.10pm
P1c Miss Caulfield	Start 9.50am Collection 11.50am	Start 9.50am Collection 1.50pm	Start 9am Collection 3.10pm
P1d Miss Wilson	Start 10 am Collection 12 pm	Start 10am Collection 2pm	Start 9am Collection 3.10pm

Children have the choice of having a school dinner or bringing a packed lunch to school. Confirmation of your child's class and teacher will be sent to you by email. Please telephone the school if you have not received this information by Friday 7th August.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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