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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Robert Burns Festival 2021**

Our school has been invited to participate in the Annual Trades House of Glasgow Robert Burns Festival which takes place on the 14th January 2021. We have taken part in the Festival for the past three years. Now in its tenth year the Festival offers children and young people from all Glasgow schools an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in recitation, singing or playing a musical instrument.

Usually held in the historic Trades Hall in Glassford Street in Glasgow, the Festival enables participants to perform a piece of their own choice in relation to the works of Robert Burns. Due to the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 the 2021 Festival will be held electronically and will be non-competitive. All participants will receive a Trades House of Glasgow Certificate of Performance.

There are six categories for primary pupils; Solo Verse (P4-5, P6-7), Solo Singing (P4-5, P6-7) and Solo Instrumental Playing (P4-5, P6-7, excluding bagpipes and drums).

All entrants last year were of a very high standard. Pupils are required to commit to regular practice at home. Our school had one prize winner in 2020 who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the P4-5 the Instrumental category. All other participating pupils received a certificate for their excellent performances.

Due to the current restrictions this year, most rehearsing for the Festival would need to be completed at home as we are avoiding bringing pupils together from different classes indoors. Pupils taking part in the Festival would also need to have consent for their performance to be recorded and sent to the Organisers. There will be an opportunity for some rehearsals at school but not as regularly as has been possible in previous years.

If your child would like to take part in the Festival or if you have any questions about entering then please do not hesitate to contact me via my school email address:

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Yours sincerely,

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