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Dear Parent and Carers,

**Proposed Class Structure 2020**

Normally we would be writing to you at this time of year to inform you of the class structure for our next academic school year. As you will appreciate preparing for next session is challenging given the current pandemic.

We know this is a very worrying time for everyone. Like you, we are waiting for national guidance around the reopening of schools. At this stage, we cannot tell you exactly when school will reopen and how the school day will be structured. However when we do reopen, we will ensure that your child’s classroom is a safe environment and that they are warmly welcomed back to school. We will make adjustments to support children’s readiness to learn and wellbeing in their transition back to a ‘new normal’ in school, which may look quite different from school in the past. We will put your children’s safety and wellbeing first.

Our proposed class structure for next session will continue to be 14 classes, therefore the formation of some classes will need to be composite. Learners who are currently in composite classes this session, will remain in their current class structures next session. Learners currently in P1a and P1b will next session form, a P1/2 and a P2 class. The allocations of learners to these classes will be in accordance with Education, Communities and Economy polices of the formation composite classes (parents guide can be accessed on our school website).

Current 2019/20 Session	New 2020/21 Session
	P1a
	P1b
P1a	Merged to make 2 new classes P1/2 and P2
P1b	
P1/2	P2/3
P2	P3
P2/3	P3/4
P3	P4
P3/4	P4/5
P4	P5
P5a	P6a
P5b	P6b
P6a	P7a
P6b	P7b

Composite classes are formed in order to make best use of available resources while ensuring that learners get an appropriate education. Each school receives an allocation of teachers related to the number of learners in the school. Head Teachers are then required to organise learners into classes, according to the staffing allocation. Age will be the main criterion to allocate learners to classes.

Please be assured that learners in composite classes receive the same high quality learning experiences as learners in straight classes. As with all classes, learning and teaching will be monitored to ensure that the needs of all our learners are fully met.

Once we know more about when and how schools will reopen, we hope to be able to inform you of who your child's new teacher will be. We ask you to be mindful that school decisions may alter and change as we receive further National and Local guidance. New Primary 1 learners are likely to find out their teachers sooner as part of their transition programme.

Normally we have transition activities in school, which allow children to meet their new teacher, see their new classroom and know where they will line up on the first day back after the summer holidays. However due to the pandemic and current restrictions we may have to alter the activities that your child would have normally taken part in. We are currently planning virtual transition activities to support learners and when it is deemed appropriate and following advice from the Scottish government, we hope we can arrange an opportunity for children will visit their new class and meet their teacher before the new school session starts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Head Teacher