

Transitions

Information – April 2020

Early Learning and Childcare to P1

Starting school is an exciting time. Although there may be uncertainty around what moving to P1 will look like we want to reassure you that staff are working hard behind the scenes to think about and plan this important time for children.

As soon as plans are finalised your child's ELC setting and school will be working together with you to put these plans into action.

Our staff teams across ELC and Primary 1 are working together to make sure that P1 is ready to meet the needs of all children given these highly unusual circumstances.

Should you have any specific concerns please contact us using the education.services@midlothian.gov.uk mailbox and include ELC to P1 transition in the subject box.

Placing Requests

If you have any questions about placing requests you should contact Pupil Placement mailbox – pupil.placement@midlothian.gov.uk

P7 to S1

Our secondary and primary schools have been working on primary to secondary transition work over an extended period of time. However, with the ongoing situation we will adapt our plans to best meet our families' needs. Each secondary will communicate these plans with their cluster primary schools and families.

Throughout these challenging times we continue to develop opportunities which will support P7 learners' transition to Secondary School, these may include 'virtual tours', question and answer sessions, and regular updates.

Secondary schools will also have many support policies in place to ensure P7s are welcomed. This may include 'buddying' systems, key support staff on hand to offer support and guidance and regular communication with families.

School Leavers

In Midlothian we pride ourselves on the high level of support we offer our school leavers. This support continues throughout this challenging time to ensure our learners reach a positive destination.

The Secondary Pupil Support teams are continuing to work with a range of partners including Skills Development Scotland, Community Learning and Development and further/higher educational establishments to ensure our young people are not disadvantaged throughout this time.

If any parent or family have any questions related to this, we encourage you to contact your link secondary school Pupil Support Team.

Alternatively, please contact us using education.services@midlothian.gov.uk mailbox and include P7-S1 transition or Secondary Leaver in the subject box.

Saltergate and Complex Needs

Saltergate School and the individual complex needs provisions will be in contact with all new families over the summer term to look at transition arrangements.

The transition work will be a combination of approaches like virtual tours/walk throughs to help support the needs of all children and young people with ASN. These may not be face to face for some pupils, however the specialist staff will ensure that specific parental requests like social stories are considered as part of this process if appropriate.

If you have any questions related to this please contact education.services@midlothian.gov.uk