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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and adapting to the new strategies for teaching and learning. I am very conscious of the disappointment felt by all P7 pupils following the cancellation of all our transition events. The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, has hinted at the possibility of us being able to offer some transition activities in school in June and we await further guidance on this. Should this be possible we will contact you with the necessary details of the activities and the measures we will take to ensure that these activities are safe.

In the meantime, we are working on a virtual transition programme. You will be aware, through your primary schools, that we have created a **P7 transition team** in **GLOW** entitled **S1 BA Transition**. If your child does not have a GLOW login your child's primary school will be able to provide this. Please let us know if you experience any issues accessing the team.

Last week we started posting activities which are fun and allow the opportunity for all our P7s to start communicating with each other. I would like to thank our primary colleagues, in particular Mrs Grant from Breadalbane Primary, for their support with this. I have already been impressed by the creativity shown by our P7s in building some fantastic forts from household items.

Going forward and during the month of June the Breadalbane Secondary staff will start posting information on the S1 BA Transition team. New details will be posted weekly, and you will find a virtual tour of the school, an introduction from the Senior Management Team along with activities from departments. There will also be information about school lunches, transport, uniform and many other aspects of school life. Our House Leaders will be posting competitions on a weekly basis and the Support staff will have a live question and answer session every week. I will forward details of the house groups in due course and I will also keep you up to date with the dates and times of the question and answer sessions along with details on how to access these. We intend to create a FAQ sheet based on all the questions asked by the pupils which they can refer to as required. In the last week we hope to have a virtual disco – technology permitting.

For all pupils who have enhanced transition arrangements, Mrs Forrester has also set up a team in GLOW and will be continuing her work with primaries and parents to put individual arrangements in place.

I hope that this programme of activities will prove to be enjoyable although I realise that they do not replace the real thing. Transition will not end in June. When we return to school in August, we will continue to put in place measures to help the new S1 to adapt to their new environment. I also hope that sometime in the future, when it is safe to do so, we can arrange some outdoor activities to replace some of the opportunities missed due to the current lockdown.

If you have any queries about the transition programme I can be contacted, along with the Support department, by email at Breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk , for general information please see our handbook on the school website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. A. Gatehouse".

Mrs K Gatehouse
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