

Primary 1 Virtual Transition 2020



The process of transition from a child's Early Learning and Childcare Setting (ELC) to Primary 1 is an important one for all concerned and a positive experience of transition can have a lasting impact on a child and their family's experience of education.

"Children's transition to school has implications for their learning and development both at the time of the transition and into the future"

(Sayers et al. 2102) cited in *Continuity of Learning*

As you know, we are currently facing unprecedented times, and things are changing on a daily basis. However, we are still committed to getting your child's transition into Primary School right and we want to share our plans with you now.

Get to Know Us!

If you haven't done so already, please:

- Take some time to view our **school website** kingspark.mgfl.net which provides a wealth of information about our school
- Download our **school app** via the 'Scot Ed' app in your app store and select 'King's Park'
- Follow us on **Twitter** @KingsParkPS to view and engage with our vibrant school community
- Join our **Parent Council Facebook page** to get to know some of the wider community
- Read our **School Handbook** on our website

Seesaw

We will set up a **Seesaw P1 Transition Group** for your child to join. More information will follow. Please ensure safe use of this platform and respect our Digital Guidance.

Download **Seesaw FAMILY App** and register as a parent - instructions can be found on your child's learning profile on the Class App.



We will post updates and tasks for the children to complete on Seesaw! Staff will provide feedback! Feel free to participate in our whole school **Weekly Wellbeing Wednesday's** activities to give a flavour of the varied learning experiences your child will experience at King's Park.

Welcome Pack

We will send out a **welcome pack**. This includes letters about school uniform, permission slips for trips and photographs, etc. It also contains a small information booklet for you about Starting School.



Please take some time to read your pack in greater detail.

Some things will have to change due to the current situation. For example, school dinners may look a bit different to how they were running previously. We will let you know these changes when we have more information.

Please **post the enclosed postcard** back to us to tell us what you are most looking forward to about starting Primary 1.

Virtual Tour

Take a **virtual tour** of our school. We'll send you a link to allow you and your child to journey through the school! It's not quite the same as being in the building but it will allow you to get to know the layout of our school and what to expect in our P1 classrooms.

Virtual Information Event

We will share a link for you to meet our staff and find out a bit more about our school.

Preparing for P1 at Home

Continue to share your child's achievements from home on Seesaw e.g. learning to ride a bike between now and August.

Continue to work on the suggestions that your ELC gave you to help prepare your child for Primary 1.

Try to find a little time each day to focus on the ones your child still requires a little support with e.g. tidying away after playing, fastening coat, changing for PE. Take photos/videos of your child's progress and upload this on to Seesaw for staff to view.



Transition Project

Our first topic in Primary 1 will be 'Fairyland'. We will send out some activities that will act as an introduction to this topic via Seesaw.

Communication with ELC Settings

Key staff from our school will liaise with ELC Settings to share information about your child's progress, achievements and next steps. This will include their Learning Profiles and Transition Records.

This will support us with planning for your child's move to Primary 1.

We know that some settings are currently closed, but we will communicate with them as soon as we can.

Social Story

We will send you a **Social Story** for you to share with your child. It will help them understand the changes ahead and their move into our school. It also gives your child an opportunity to share their feelings about this so you can reassure them if required. Regularly talk through the **Social Story** with your child.

Keeping in Touch

We will be in touch individually with you all before the Summer holidays and if you would like to have a chat via telephone, then this can be arranged.

Staff from King's Park will engage with you and your child virtually through Seesaw, our online learning platform.



If you have any questions or concerns, at any point, please send an email to Kingspark_PS@midlothian.gov.uk

Enhanced Transition

Moving from one setting to another can be a daunting process. Your child may benefit from additional support to manage this transition. If you have concerns about how your child will settle into their new environment, please contact us by email at Kingspark_PS@midlothian.gov.uk

Your child may be identified as benefiting from an enhanced transition by ELC staff. If this is the case, we will speak with you directly. We will work with you and our partner agencies to plan effectively for their transition into our school.

How to Access this Information

Some of this information will be posted out to you, and some will come via our school app and Seesaw.



We look forward to meeting you all soon!

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