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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

First of all, I'd like to reiterate Ms Lee's words by warmly welcoming you all to Lesmahagow High School. We are excited to see all our new S1 pupils on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August and we hope they are looking forward to starting the next step in their educational journey with us. However, we appreciate that some may be nervous, so I hope this letter helps to reassure them.

On both Monday and Tuesday morning, S1 should remain outside on the concrete netball court, weather depending, where staff will be there to welcome them and direct them when coming into the school building at 8.40am. Both these days will be transition days where young people will engage in a range of activities allowing them to become familiar with the school, layout, subjects, staff, timetable and have an opportunity to meet their new peers. We hope this will allow them to feel settled and ready to follow their full timetable from Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. For most of next week, pupil guides will help S1 classes manoeuvre around the school allowing them to get used to the layout of the building and the location of subjects. Our primary focus for next week will be pupil wellbeing and helping pupils to feel settled in their new school.

### **Lunch**

All S1 pupils will remain within the school grounds as per our normal arrangements. Pupils are able to bring a packed lunch or purchase food from the canteen. Arrangements for purchasing at the canteen will be shared with pupils next week when they arrive. All S1 pupils will also have their photograph taken on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August for school purposes including outstanding National Entitlement Cards. Until pupils have their ParentPay and/or Fusion App set up, they can bring money to use at the canteen. After this, we encourage all pupils to order their lunch using the Fusion App or by paying via their NEC.

### **Class Lists**

As we return, class lists may need to be adjusted to allow for the smooth return of pupils to the building in the safest possible manner. If adjustments are required, I will be in contact with you to discuss this before any changes are made. This will only happen if absolutely required.

### **Transport**

School transport will run as normal for pupils. Face coverings should be worn as per government guidance. Further information on school transport can be found on the link below:  
[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/545/school\\_transport](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/545/school_transport)

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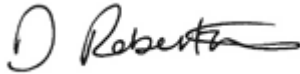
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We thoroughly look forward to welcoming all out new starts next week but please feel free to get in contact on the number provider, if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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