

17th June 2020

Dear Parent,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Primary One and are very sorry that, given the current circumstances, we are unable to run our usual Primary 1 induction programme. We are currently designing a new programme and I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything in our power to ensure your child's transition from Pre-School to DPS is as smooth as possible. We are very aware that all of our children will have been at home with parents for over 5 months by the time school resumes, and we must take this into consideration when planning their start to school. We will be progressing gently with your children, phasing their entry in small groups, to ensure they are as settled and comfortable as possible and therefore ready for learning.

Our new induction plans are as follows:

- 1. We will be adding videos to our school website during July and August (donemanaps.com parents area home learning P1 2020, Password: DPS398) to introduce our staff and our school building to your children.
- 2. We will be producing our induction booklet and giving you the opportunity to download this from our website or collect a printed copy from school.
- 3. Your child's teachers will send you an email to introduce themselves and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have.
- 4. We will be arranging appointments in late August for you and your child to come and see the classroom and meet the class teachers (subject to PHA advice).

At this point I am sure you are anxious about your child's start and would like to know about all the practical arrangements, for example, school dinners, uniforms, start date, start time, home time, however due to the current pandemic our plans are not yet finalised and therefore I cannot give you this information at this time. I will communicate this to you as soon as possible and will provide you with as much notice as I possibly can. Please keep an eye on our school website, download our school App (donemenaps.com and click the link at the top of the page) and our Facebook page as these are the methods of communication I will be using. If you are also happy to do so, please send me your mobile number so I can send messages to you directly (email: ghay546@c2kni.net), thank you.

Kind regards, G Hay (Principal)