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Dear Parent or Carer

We apologise for the delay in contacting you about this year's P7 Transition. We normally make our first contact when we receive our P7 catchment lists so that we ensure all catchment parents and students, no matter what primary school they attend, get the same information at the same time. We are still waiting for this list but felt it was very important to write to you before we break for the Christmas Holidays.

2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone and 2021 currently looks like it will be very similar. As a result, as with last session's P7 Transition, it very much looks like most of our transition activities will take place online. To that end, we are in the process of setting up a new and enhanced page on our school website and this should be up and running when we return after the Christmas break.

This page will provide:

- Access to our Penicuik High School Virtual Tour
  - All information – letters information sheets etc ...
  - P7 Transition learning Activities for students to try at their own pace over the next few months.
  - There will also be "Getting to know PHS" videos from current students to help answer questions about life in school
  - Information about Penicuik High School staff links with our cluster primary schools
  - Our dedicated Transition email address that should be used to raise questions and queries.
- Once our list is finalised we will be able to email information to parents directly.

In January we will begin the information gathering process with our primary colleagues to allow us to begin to get to know the P7's as individuals and will be able to provide more information about Enhanced Transition and the formal Transition Activities through the rest of the year. We are determined to make sure that even in these challenging times, we provide the best Transition possible for our new students.

Yours sincerely

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