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Dear Parent/Carer of S1 Pupils

The school hoped that this term we could have returned to the normal practice of hosting a parent evening, where you would be able to meet and talk directly to your child's teachers about their Progress & Achievement report, and about how your young person has settled in to secondary school.

The Scottish Government have maintained the advice given to schools regarding mitigations against the potential to catch or to spread Covid-19. Consequently, we are still unable to hold face-to-face parent evenings. It is very unfortunate that we cannot have a parent evening in school as these meetings are something that the teaching staff value just as much as the parents who attend. Teachers value the opportunity to build a relationship with every parent so that both parties feel there is a genuine partnership working for the benefit of each young person.

The school working time committee, (SWTAC), are the group who have responsibility for organising teachers' contractual commitments on the school calendar. This group debated the potential to try to hold an alternative delivery method for S1 parents, such as telephone calls or additional reports, the committee concluded that it would be better to maintain the potential to have an in person, face-to-face parent evening later in the session. Consequently, the S1 parent evening has been rescheduled into the summer term of 2022, in the hope that we can have that more desirable face-to-face contact.

This postponement of the S1 parent evening does not mean that you cannot ask for information about your child, their progress and how they are coping with the new environment of the secondary school. As indicated on the Autumn Newsletter, if you have any concerns about your child then please bring these to the attention of your child's Principal Teacher Support at any time. The Principal Teacher Support will gather information to answer your concern.

Contact the Pupil Support Team:

For pastoral issues, careers advice or to raise a general concern regarding an issue with your child's learning, please telephone 01556 502821 or use the e-mail address listed below for your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

Mrs Genna Parker (Solway)	gw11parkergenna@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
Miss Julia Fulton (0.4) (Threave surnames A_J)	gw12fultonjulia2@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
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Miss Gemma Sellers (Additional Support Needs)	gw08sellersgemma@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

The next Progress & Achievement update for S1 pupils will be issued on Friday 19th November 2021. I will be in contact again in the New Year or earlier to provide information if there are changes to the Covid-19 advice from the Scottish Government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Smith". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

J Smith
Head Teacher