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Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Update and Staffing Changes**

I hope that you and your family continue to keep safe and well. All of the staff and myself are missing you all dreadfully and we cannot wait until we are all back together again. We all love to see your messages and photographs on Google Classroom, as well as on Twitter, so please keep sharing these with us. They really do brighten up our day!

Unfortunately, we do not yet know if children will be back in school before August, nor the format that this will take. I am also not yet in a position to let you know who your child's teacher will be for 2020/2021, but I will endeavour to let you as soon as I am able to do so. Staff are currently working on materials to support transitions, as well as preparing resources for our new P1 children and their families since our normal induction day sessions will not be taking place. Calderside Academy staff have also been uploading posts from their different departments onto their school website and Twitter account, so these are well worth a look if your child is in P7 at present. In addition, they have asked that parents/carers email their school office ([office@calderside.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@calderside.s-lanark.sch.uk)) if you have any questions or anxieties about your child moving on to secondary school and they will arrange for a member of staff to contact you.

At DLMPs, there will be a few changes in staff at the start of the new session in August. Within our Nursery, Mrs Catherine Hunter, our Early Years Team Leader, has been successful in securing a Depute Head of Centre post within another establishment. As a result, we will have a new Team Leader appointed to our own Nursery, although we do yet know who this will be. The contracts of both of our temporary Nursery teachers (Mrs Liz Iles and Miss Sharon Readie) will also come to an end. Within the school, Mrs Liz Burns, one of our support assistants, will be retiring at the end of June, Mrs Joanne Thorburn (P5/6 class teacher) will be leaving us at the end of her probationary year as a newly qualified teacher and Mrs Karen Dickson (temporary P6/7 teacher), will be moving on to pastures new too. We wish all 6 of these ladies well in their new adventures and hope to mark their time with us through the form of some sort of celebratory event once schools re-open.

Please remember that we are keen to support all of our families during this difficult time. Should you have anything that you wish to ask, please email the school office or myself - [gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk) or [gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk) - and we will be in touch as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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