

DOWSON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the time of year when we would usually be holding our first Parent Consultation Day so that you can hear how well your child has settled and started in a new year group, how well they are achieving and what we can do together to help them make further progress.

Although we are unable to meet in person, it is more important than ever that we share this information with you as children's education was disrupted by the school closures last academic year and we are working hard to narrow the gaps this has caused in order to enable children to get back on track.

Because it is important that we work together to support our pupils not to be disadvantaged by the time they miss, we would still like to share the information with you and offer you the chance to discuss this. Therefore, we will be sending out the paper report that the teacher usually shares at the meeting on Tuesday 10th November. Your child will share their own reflections on learning sheet that you also have chance to view and you should discuss both with them if you can. We will be sending a survey to you in order that you may then choose to book a telephone or video conference with your child's teacher to discuss the report or any concerns or questions you may have. The conference is optional and if you are happy with the report, you do not have to book an appointment. If your child's teacher does feel that they would like to speak to you for any reason, they will contact you directly to request that you book an appointment.

These are challenging times and, as always, we continue to look at ways we can offer you as much of the same service as we do in a normal year, whilst recognising that some of this will be very different and some aspects may not be possible at all.

As the reports have personal information and identifiable data in them, they cannot be sent via 'pupil post' as you know. Due to the necessity to distance, we are also avoiding handing to parents at the doors or offices. Therefore, your child's report will be sent in a private Class Dojo message. Please acknowledge this when it arrives and anyone who does not receive this or for the very small number who are not signed up, we will contact you to arrange an alternative method of delivery.

Please do not hestitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs K L Thornburn Principal