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Dear Parent/Carer

## Primary 7 Pupil Transitions

I am writing to reassure you and your child/ren that primary seven pupils across Shetland are firmly in our thoughts as we navigate the current situation and reshape their transition plans in to secondary school in August 2020.

The summer term of each school year is usually a time when pupils in primary seven participate in a range of transition activities in order to support their move to secondary school. This can often include visits to the secondary school, days in secondary schools and a range of opportunities to spend time with primary seven pupils from other schools.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions placed on the movement of people is likely to prevent much of the traditional transition programme taking place this year but I am working closely with primary and secondary head teachers to revise transition plans for children in primary seven and other children moving in to, through, and onwards from school.

A seven point action plan is being taken forward by a working group set up specifically to consider the primary seven to secondary one transition with a clear focus on providing a programme which helps build relationships between pupils and with staff ahead of the move onwards to secondary school.

In the meantime, please continue to support your child/ren engage with learning activities shared by your primary school and direct any questions you have to the Head Teacher in the first instance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to direct you to <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/digitalschoolhub/> for more information on how we are supporting parents/carers, staff and pupils during these unprecedented times.

I look forward to continuing work with primary and secondary schools over the coming weeks to support all primary seven pupils at this key transition time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Johnston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Johnston  
Quality Improvement Officer