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21st June 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware, our formal Transition Days and other events have had to be cancelled. The Middle Schools have met as a group to discuss how best we can support children in moving to Year 5 at their new school. All of the Middle Schools will provide a 'Transition Day' on the first day back after the summer break, where only Year 5 children will be in school. This will help to support your child with the move to a new school and help them get to know about the routines, building and teachers.

The Middle Schools will be in touch directly with parents / carers with specific arrangements over the coming weeks. Each school is able to offer different opportunities, such as after school visits or virtual tours. Each Middle School is different due to variety in staffing or school arrangements so please do not be concerned if other children in your child's class are doing different activities at different times. At this stage, no guidance has been received specific to Summer Schools so if your chosen Middle School has planned these, please assume that they are going ahead.

Please be reassured that the Middle Schools are working hard, supported by our First School colleagues, to ensure a smooth a transition as possible for your child. If you have questions about this, please contact the Middle Schools directly. Thank you for your continued patience and support in this difficult situation.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Godfrey  
Valley Gardens Middle School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Newport'.

Mr. Newport  
Marden Bridge Middle School

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Ms. Nichols-Mackay  
Monkseaton Middle School

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Mrs. Winter  
Wellfield Middle School