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Dear Parents/Carers,

Revised Collection Procedures

We are continually reviewing our processes and procedures in school to ensure we are able to operate as close to normal arrangements as possible for our families. The PTA have raised that that congestion at the front of the school has recently become an issue due to staggered collection.

In order to reduce congestion at the front of the school, please may we ask that parents with children in **Primary 2 and Primary 3** collect from the rear playground gate, near the local park. The park has plenty of green space and has become an unofficial collection point for many of our pupils in the upper stages as well as many of our younger children playing after school supervised by parents/carers.

Parents/carers are able to use the lane, or the path through the park which will aid social distancing. If you have a son/daughter in Primary 4, 5, 6 or 7, please inform them that they should meet you at this new collection point which will be safer than collecting pupils from the main road. If your son/daughter currently walks home, then do continue with this arrangement, should you wish. Please note, timings for drop-off and collection remain unchanged, and will for the foreseeable future.

These new collection point arrangements will begin for Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils on **Monday 21st September 2020**.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We are awaiting further guidance surrounding Parent/Carer consultations and how these will take place this academic year. We have been advised to postpone any discussions with parents until Term 2 to allow pupils and teachers to settle back into routine and start to identify and fill gaps in learning. At Tarves Primary School, we aim for our consultations to take place in November. We will be in touch with further information closer to the time with how these sessions will run and how to sign up for a time slot.

Halloween Disco

We are unable to have a Halloween Disco in the Melvin Hall this year due to COVID restrictions. Instead, we will look at options within school for the children and will let you know as soon as possible what can safely be facilitated.

Support for Learning (SfL)

Many of you will already know that our Meldrum Cluster Support for Learning teacher, Ms Chapman, started her new role in the West Coast of Scotland at the start of this academic year. We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Davidson one day per week, until the October break, to work with our pupils requiring SfL. Any queries surrounding this should be directed to the main school office email address and will be passed to the relevant class teacher in the first instance. A new teacher has been recruited to take over from the October break and I will share further information surrounding this as soon as I am able to.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their help, hard work and support. Please do continue to raise any issues or queries as a parent body that you feel they could bring to our attention.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LC.', with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs Lara Conn
Head Teacher