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To: All Primary Head Teachers

Dear colleague

CURRICULUM DESIGN DAYS 11th – 14th NOVEMBER, ICC INVERARAY

I write with further information regarding Curriculum Design Days which take place next week.

Each day will commence at 9.30am, with coffee being available from 9am. Coffee will be served in the conference room. Work on the curriculum will end each day at 3pm, and from 3pm to 4pm there will be a further consultation exercise on the Education Management Review at which you are all requested to attend.

The focus of each day will be:

The Curriculum: "The totality of learning experienced, irrespective of where the learning takes place."

The main activity of the day will be a self-evaluation exercise focusing on building your curriculum, with particular attention being paid to the **four contexts of the curriculum** and the **entitlements for children and young people**.

Discussions throughout the day will relate to the latest Curriculum for Excellence National Expectations pertaining to QI 5.1 (The Curriculum), which were published in August. By way of a little prior reading, I have attached the updated *How Good is Our School* Level 5 illustration for The Curriculum.

In a previous email you were asked to bring with you any curriculum plans you currently have. Please note that you do not require to create anything new for next week. Following attendance at your Curriculum Design Day, you will be asked to provide a curriculum plan or position statement relating to Theme 1 of QI5.1 by June 2014. However, if you have any way of working or planning / documentation relating to curriculum development that illustrates in some way the path you are taking, these would be very useful in helping you work through the self-evaluation activity next week.

It is hoped that you come away from the day with a clear understanding of the latest national expectations on curriculum design and delivery, and knowing where you are in relation to these and what your next steps are.

If you have not yet done so, please confirm your attendance at the relevant day Maggie McLay (maggie.mclay@argyll-bute.gov.uk). Where cover is required, please use code 47. This must be specific to the day you are attending where you are requiring a class to be covered. If you require cover for more than one day due to travel requirements, please discuss this with Don McAllister.

I look forward to working with you all next week.

Yours sincerely

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