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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Over the past few months, there has been significant planning around children returning to school in August 2020 and I understand that you will be anxious to find out what the school's plans are for your child to come back to school and the health and safety arrangements that have been put in place to ensure their safe return. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

I can confirm that our current plans are for children to return to school full-time from **Wednesday 12th August**. This is following yesterday's Scottish Government announcement. Throughout all the planning, pupil and staff safety has been the focus. There are areas that the authority are continuing to work on e.g. school lunches and when available, further updates will be issued through Clackmannanshire Council Education Service website.

From August therefore, we will have 12 classes:

P1D – Miss Hannah Duncan
P1/2 – Miss Rebecca Smith
P2 – Miss Poppy Davidson
P2/3 – Mrs Emma Cuthbert
P3 – Miss Iona Young
P4S – Miss Louise Stewart
P4M – Ms Fiona Mitchell
P5 – Miss Debbie Allan
P5/6 – Miss Helen Steel
P6 – Mrs Nicola Mullan
P7D – Mr Jonathan Davidson
P7B – Miss Jill Burdett

Health and safety will continue to be a top priority and although children will be back in school, it is very important that we follow the guidance that we have received from our Health & Safety department.

It is important that only children come into the playground. The area at the trim trail will be cordoned off for parents of younger children to gather however please do not bring your children to school early and once they have arrived I would be obliged if you could leave the area as quickly as possible. It is important that adults continue to observe the 2 metre distance rule. Please note that the entrance gate closest to the school building will be locked so all children should enter from the two furthest away gates.

The school car park will be closed to cars. Children in Nursery and Primary 1 will gather in this area, each family taking a parking bay and staff will collect children from there. Again, I would be obliged that once your child has been collected that you vacate this area as quickly as possible to allow another family to enter.

At the end of the day, children in Nursery, P1, P2 and P3 will be brought out by their class teacher and handed over to a known adult in line with our school policy, however can I once again request that you maintain the 2 metre distance behind the cordoned area. Children in older classes will be released by their class teacher and asked to leave the playground immediately. If you are picking up an older child please arrange to meet them away from the playground.

If you normally drive to school, I would be obliged, where possible, to consider other ways of getting here i.e. walking, cycling or alternatively, I ask that you park away from the school and walk the short distance.

The school office will be closed to all adults therefore communication with the school will remain via telephone and email contact only. Where there is a requirement to hold a meeting, this will be arranged virtually through Google Meet.

It has been agreed that for the duration of these restrictions, children do not need to wear school uniform. Please ensure however that they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Outdoor learning will take place regardless of weather conditions and will only be cancelled in extreme weather conditions.

When children enter the school building, they will be asked to use the hand sanitizer and then taken directly to their classroom. They will be allocated individual working areas, resources and stationary. Unfortunately we will have to close all of our water fountains therefore it is important that children bring in their own water bottle and their packed lunch. Decision regarding school meals have yet to be made therefore please continue to check the Clackmannanshire Authority Education Service website for updates.

Throughout the day, children will be encouraged to wash their hands and resources, door handles etc. will be regularly wiped down with sanitizing spray.

All of the children's belongings will need to be in the classroom with them, therefore can I please ask that they do not bring in school bags, pencil cases, toys or any other personal possessions; just their water bottle and lunch.

The school will be open to staff on Monday 10th August and Tuesday 11th August for in-service days. Children will return to school on Wednesday 12th August. Full details of who your child's class teacher will be in August will be sent via email.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Penman
Head Teacher