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Dear Parent/Carer,

Loanhead PS and Early Childhood Centre (ECC) Progress Update

As you will appreciate, an almost 4 month shut down of the construction industry in Scotland due to Covid-19, has had a major impact on progress of both the primary school and ECC projects. In addition, the company repairing stonework at the school has ceased to trade.

Ashleigh Construction has advised that all works are now progressing at pace and that another company is in place to complete the stonework repairs. Ashleigh is anticipating works will be completed in January 2021 with a formal handover of all sectors on 5 February 2021.

As is normal practice, East Ayrshire Council will ask the Scottish Government for permission to close the primary school for four days: two days to allow staff to pack up resources at Kirkstyle Primary School and two days for staff to unpack resources and set up classrooms for the return of the children to Loanhead Primary School.

In consultation with the Head Teacher and Strategic Education Manager (Early Intervention), the following timescales have been agreed (subject to the agreement of the Scottish Government):

Close for the children at Kirkstyle PS	Wednesday 10 February 2021
Staff pack up (Kirkstyle)	Thursday 11 & Friday 12 February 2021
Local holiday	Monday 15 February 2021
In-service Days	Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 February 2021
Staff set up (Loanhead)	Thursday 18 & Friday 19 February 2021
Pupils return (Loanhead)	Monday 22 February 2021

The ECC is a new early learning and childcare (ELC) setting for children aged 2 to 4 years old and as such requires registration with the Care Inspectorate. All registration requirements will need to be met before the ECC can open to children. We are planning on the basis that the ECC will be ready to deliver ELC when the primary reopens for school-aged children, however we will confirm the date in January 2021.

I appreciate this has meant a longer than anticipated decant to Kirkstyle Primary School, however, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for on-going patience and support which has been greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda McAulay-Griffiths'.

LINDA McAULAY-GRIFFITHS

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