



Fenwick Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Fenwick Primary School and ECC senior leadership staff are in school this week to make arrangements and adapt risk assessments to allow the teachers and other staff, as required, to return safely from Monday 15th June, as well as begin to make the physical preparations for pupils returning safely in August.

This week, we will also be finalising our proposed plans for the pupils to return in August using a blended approach of in-school learning and learning at home. We are trying our very best to work on a return model to support siblings and families. Our in-school learning is likely to involve smaller groups of children coming in for part of the week and learning at home for the rest of the week. We are awaiting further guidance from East Ayrshire Council before the final decision can be made, which is subject to updates and guidance from the Scottish Government. We hope to be able to share the plans with you as soon as possible.

Information regarding the reopening of the ECC and the allocation of places will be issued separately. We are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government and expect this to be published mid-June. Mrs Campbell will continue to update ECC parents via the app and email regarding ECC graduation and activities.

As you are aware from my letter on Friday, the Loudoun Education Group have agreed to focus on virtual and online transition activities in June to support our new Primary 1 pupils and our Primary 7 pupils moving on to secondary school. The Parent Council also met to discuss their views on a number of issues and planned activities for June, including the suggestion of virtual transition events. I would like to share these plans for the final weeks in June.

Class Information for August

Class teachers have been assigned to their new classes and we aim to share the details of your child's new class and teacher(s) next week, via letter, next week. The teachers will also be recording a video to introduce themselves to their new class and show them their classroom. This will be emailed to your child's Glow account, we will let you know once these have been emailed.

Report Cards

The teachers felt it was important to write report cards to share their pupils' progress and achievements until the end of the last term. These will be posted to you at the same time as the letter regarding your child's new class.

Prize-Giving and P7 Leavers

The usual prize-giving ceremony and P7 leavers' assembly cannot take place but we would like to record some special messages for the pupils and award the usual certificates. Trophies will be collected after the holiday and we will arrange for them to be cleaned, engraved and passed on accordingly.

The Parent Council have purchased Year Books for our P7 leavers and these will be distributed as soon as we receive the order. The school have also purchased a gift and we will be in contact with P7 parents to arrange this, hopefully before the end of term.

Provision of Critical and Emergency Childcare - Hubs

Throughout the period of school closures, critical childcare has been provided at our Galston Hub for pupils whose parents are keyworkers, in line with government advice. This provision will continue in June and throughout the summer holidays, however, the location of the hub may be subject to change and the availability of staffing may be different. The local authority are working with out of school care providers and other services in the Council to consider how and where this can best be delivered. Information will be shared centrally regarding the provision of hubs moving forward. Please be advised that this provision should only be used in circumstances where this is absolutely necessary to ensure that parents/carers with no other option of childcare can continue to work in their role delivering essential services.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Council for taking the time to meet virtually and for continuing to provide ongoing support to the school and staff during these difficult and unprecedented times. I would also like to thank you again for your continued patience during these stressful times and if you have any questions please send me an email. – earobyn.davidson@glow.sch.uk. Thank you to those of you who have already been in contact, we will try our best to support you and answer your questions.

Please take care and I hope to be in contact again by the end of the week with our plans.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Davidson
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