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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware from media coverage that we are moving forward from **August 2020** with a Blended Learning approach to learning and teaching. **Your child will be allocated to Group B and will attend school on Thursday and Friday, and then receive remote learning through Google Classroom for the beginning of the week.**

Therefore, your child will return to school on **Thursday 13th and 14th August.**

You will appreciate the scale of this exercise in accommodating half of the school whilst allowing for social distancing measures. Therefore, there is no scope for alterations to this due to the balance of staff/pupil ratios for each half of the week. No individual requests can be accommodated. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this regard.

This letter outlines some key guidelines and practical information regarding your child's return to school. Please see our Parent/Carer & Pupil Blended Learning Policy for more information on the school website.

The appropriate public health measures will be in place:

- Enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning practices
- Caring for children in small groups & minimised social contact between these groups
- Physical distancing between adults in school including parents at drop off and pick up
- Maximising use of outdoor spaces

Arrival & Departure

Pupils should arrive for a soft start between **8.50am and 9.10am**. Parents and children should not congregate immediately outside the gates. All pupils must enter by their allocated gate as detailed below and will be walked to the gate on departure with their class teacher.

Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds or school building at any point during the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

General Entry	Entry, Exit points	Car park Drop off	Miss Rhodes
P1	Infant Gate	Infant Entrance	Mrs Christie, Miss Watt
P2	Infant Gate	Main entrance	Mrs McGurren
P3	Infant Gate	Middle entrance	Mrs Hughes
General Entry	Entry, Exit points	Bottom Gate	Mrs Melville
P4	Bottom Gate	Middle entrance	Mrs Hughes
P5	Bottom Gate	Top entrance	Mrs Stevenson
P6	Bottom Gate	Top entrance	Mrs Stevenson
P7	Bottom Gate	Top entrance	Mrs Stevenson
	Staff Car Park		Mr Keenan

Additional Guidance

Uniform/Outdoor Clothing

A significant amount of time in school will most likely be spent learning outdoors and it is for that reason that we will revise our dress code temporarily for August 2020. Items such as shirts and ties will be reintroduced as pupil time in school increases and school life returns to normal.

We are asking that on the days your child attends school they wear the following:-

School polo shirt
School jumper
Grey trousers/skirt
Sturdy footwear (black) suitable for outdoors

Pupils will also require a suitable outdoor jacket appropriate for seasonal weather.

Lunches

All pupils bring their own packed lunch to eat in school. This will be eaten outside whenever the weather permits. Lunches will be provided for all pupils who are eligible.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle. There will be limited access to water stations throughout the school day.

School Buses

For those pupils who are entitled to transport, ERC will be issuing a short survey to parents to identify where alternative travel arrangements may be available for individual families, for example, where a parent may be able to drop off or pick up or where a different mode of transport may be available. This exercise will help with some of the capacity issues that we will have in seeking to maintain school transport provision.

Breakfast Club

Bishopton, who run the out of school Breakfast Club, have contacted us and sadly, with the current pandemic they are no longer able to provide this service.

I hope you find the above information helpful and reassuring. We ask that you familiarise your child with all of the above information. We have also attached the class teachers for August and we will upload photographs and images of your child's new classroom so they can see the layout of their class. This can be viewed on the school website and referred to throughout the summer holidays to aid transition in August.

Stay safe over the summer,

Yours sincerely,

Melanie McGurren
Acting Head Teacher

