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Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils,

First of all, we all hope you are safe, well and coping during these difficult times. We know how hard all of you have been working to support your children with schoolwork over these last few months, especially with them missing their friends and family. The staff have certainly enjoyed their chats with families and hearing about the creative things you have been doing to keep yourselves busy.

We know that this has also been very challenging for you as parents, who have also been away from family, friends and jobs. You have been amazing!!

Many of you have accessed the 'Learning Packs' provided by class teachers and we plan on sending **one final pack alongside your child's report card before the end of June**. More information will follow next week.

Recovery Update

As you are aware the rules on lockdown are beginning to change with more and more people going back to work and more outdoor activity being allowed, as long as people observe the physical distance of 2m.

The First Minister has made it clear that schools in Scotland will not re-open until August and we are waiting on the exact date for the return of pupils, but this is most likely to be week beginning the 10th August.

All education services are currently working together to make a plan for the **safe return** of our pupils, but I am sure you will understand these take time.

Staff returned to school the **week beginning Monday 8th June** to make arrangements for August, but due to physical distancing rules staff will be in school at different times. We realise that parents are anxious, and we will update you as soon as we can.

The suggested model is that we bring children into school in smaller teaching groups.

For Example: Group 1 would be in on Mondays and Tuesdays. The school will be closed for cleaning on Wednesdays. Group 2 will be in on Thursdays and Fridays. Teachers will set work for the days on which groups are not in school. The work undertaken in school will be prioritised in 3 main areas, **Literacy**, **Numeracy and Health and Well-being**. More detailed information regarding this will be provided in a letter next week.

You will appreciate that with a large school role, of over 200 pupils, family groups are our priority in the planning of this. SLT and class teachers have worked to ensure that pupil groups have been made up taking learning and social groupings into account. We will be unable to accommodate requests to change groups or day.

We have been working alongside our local Secondary Colleagues to offer some transition visits for our P7 pupils who are moving on. I know that families have been contacted about this, this week. Please continue to check our Twitter, App and Blog for on-going information.

We have uploaded a 'Welcome to P1' video, surveys and information on our school App and Blog to try and support our incoming P1's and all of our other pupils. We are awaiting feedback from our uniform supplier about purchasing branded items with the school badge. Many pupils wear non branded uniform (eg from Asda or Tesco) in school colours of navy or grey. This will be perfectly acceptable for returning to school if you wish to purchase uniform at the moment.

Our P7 pupils are being invited along (in small physically distanced groups) to an 'outdoor' celebration during the last week of term. This will allow us to say our final farewells to them. Unfortunately, we cannot invite other pupils or families to this event due to Health and safety reasons.

Pick up days

We will be providing you with information on days to come into school to collect your final '*Learning Pack'* and '*Pupil Report'* next week.

Any work completed by your child during this school year will be handed out in August except for the Primary 7's who will not be returning.

Glasgow City Council are keen to keep parents involved as much as possible during this recovery process. Therefore, I have also arranged to meet with the Parent Council on Monday 15th June to give them an update on our plans. Again, this is only for the existing members for Health & Safety reasons.

The school term ends on **Wednesday 24th June** and pupils are expected to have a well-earned rest and not complete work during this time. If you are looking for ideas to keep you busy over the summer period please keep checking our twitter and I am sure there will be many websites offering support.

If any 'key worker' requires child care over the summer break then please see the Glasgow City Council Twitter feed or the school App and Twitter for further information.

I hope that this information will assist you in the short term and until we can send you more detailed information next week. I am deeply sorry that many of the end of year activities and celebrations that usually take place at Ibrox Primary have not happened this year. I personally was looking forward, as Acting Head to taking part and getting to know the children and families better.

We miss you all very much and the school is so quiet without the children. We look forward to welcoming you all back in August.

Kind Regards

Michelle Parker and all the staff at Ibrox Primary