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| **AUCHENHARVIE ACADEMY****Head Teacher: Calum Johnston BED (Hons)****Saltcoats Road, Stevenston, KA20 3JW****Tel.: (01294) 605156****E-mail:** **auchenharvie@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk**Date: 17th August 2023 |  |
| Dear Parents/CarersIt is with regret that parents/carers with children at Auchenharvie Academy are advised that the school will be unable to open as expected on Monday, August 21st. This letter will detail the alternative education provision to be provided.During the council’s rigorous water-quality monitoring regime, traces of legionella bacteria have been found in the school’s water supply. A full clean, flush and disinfect of the entire water system within the building was undertaken immediately and follow-up assurance samples taken. However, the contractor responsible for testing water samples has been unable to provide the subsequent results ahead of the new term commencing.While North Ayrshire Council is confident that the measures already taken have dealt with the issue, the safety of pupils and staff is paramount. Therefore, the decision has been taken to use alternative accommodation for learning until the test results confirm legionella is no longer present.From Monday, August 21st, temporary alternative arrangements will be in place for different year groups. I will send a separate communication to individual year groups with specific arrangements later today.* **S1 pupils will attend St Matthew’s Academy**
* **S2 pupils will attend Ardrossan Civic Centre**
* **S3 will attend Saltcoats Town Hall**
* **S4-6 pupils will take part in virtual learning from home. Any pupils who require a device in order to take part in the virtual lessons will be able to collect a Chromebook from Auchenharvie Academy tomorrow (Friday, August 18th) between 9am and 3pm.**

School meals will be provided, free of charge, to all pupils who are attending at St Matthew’s, Ardrossan Civic Centre or Saltcoats Town Hall.Parents will also be advised by the school on any temporary transport arrangements which may be put in place to ensure their child can safely attend at the alternative location.It is currently anticipated that the test results will be available next week. A decision on when classes will resume at Auchenharvie will be made as soon as possible and parents will be kept fully informed.Once again, I can only apologise for this significant inconvenience which although unforeseen is a real cause for concern. I will be in touch later today with year group specific information.Thanks in advance or your ongoing support. |

**Yours faithfully****A picture containing opener  Description automatically generated** |
| **Calum Johnston****Head Teacher** |
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