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We are however planning for the possibility that we may be out of school for the whole of next week to avoid any confusion or uncertainty.  As soon as the test results from the latest sample are returned I will be in touch again to inform you of the outcome and the impact on educational provision.  Please see below for information pertinent to pupils in the Broad General Education (S1-3) and in the Senior Phase (S4-6)  **Information for pupils in the Broad General education (S1/2/3).**  Pupils in S1/2/3 will continue to learn at the same community venues that they have been working in this week.  S1- St Matthews Academy  S2- Ardrossan Civic Centre  S3- Saltcoats Town Hall  Pupils will continue to be supported by a core team of staff who will remain at the venue all week and a rotational team of staff who will alternate around the community venues each day to provide learning in their specific subject. NAC will continue to provide transport for pupils in S1 and S2 and this will leave Auchenharvie each morning at 8.55am. In addition, catering will be provided at interval and lunchtime for ALL pupils in S1/2/3 regardless of their entitlement to a free meal. Pupils are asked to wear full school uniform each day for the purposes of safeguarding and identification and the timings of each day will be exactly as they have been this week. All venues will continue to be fully resourced in terms of educational materials and stationary. Please note that all arrangements for administration of medicines, and all other aspects of risk assessment and health and safety are all in hand.  Essentially, everything will remain the same for pupils in S1/2/3 as this week except the rotation of teachers and subjects will be slightly different as we are now accommodating S4/5/6 also in community venues which will also require an allocation of staff and resources.  **Information for pupils in the Senior Phase (S4/5/6).**  Pupils in S4/5/6 will no longer be required to work from home and provision will be made for Senior Phase pupils to attend community facilities to work in-person with Auchenharvie teaching staff. These arrangements are as follows:  S4- Kilwinning Academy  S5/6- St Matthews Academy  Pupils at each venue will be supported by a core team of staff who will remain at the venue all week and a rotational team of staff who will alternate daily and provide subject specific input. Pupils are welcome to travel to the relevant venue using their own means however North Ayrshire Council will provide transport which will leave Auchenharvie at 8.55am each morning. Please see below for the start and finish times each day. Each venue will have different interval and lunchtimes as we work around our host schools and this information will be shared with pupils on Monday 28th August upon arrival. NAC will also provide catering at interval and lunchtime for ALL pupils in S4/5/6 regardless of their entitlement to a free meal. Pupils are asked to wear full school uniform each day for the purposes of safeguarding and identification and all venues will continue to be fully resourced in terms of educational materials and stationary. Pupils are asked to bring any electronic devices they may have (Chromebooks etc) as we will have full access to the NAC education network. This is particularly important for subjects like Computing and PC passport etc but will help all pupil’s access resources form the network. A number of devices will be available at each venue. Please note that all arrangements for administration of medicines, and all other aspects of risk assessment and health and safety are all in hand. At each venue there will be a small number of break out rooms which will be used for specific subjects as required.  Please note that we fully encourage all students to attend the organised venue for their year group to recommence face to face learning. However, if there is an issue and a pupils is unable to attend, please let us know. All work for s4/5/6 will be made available using Teams / GLOW although unlike this week we will not be able to provide online access to a teacher as they will be busy at the different venues.  Each school day will start at 9.15am and pupils making their own way to the venues are asked not to arrive until after 9am. On a Monday / Tuesday the school day will end at 3.15pm and on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday this will be 2.35pm. This is to coincide with school busses and to ensure that both schools are not operating to the same time schedule thus putting additional pressure on local facilities.  Once again I would like to apologise for the inconvenience and frustration this matter is causing you and your families. I know that you will understand that these are matters out with the school’s control and that we are trying our best in challenging circumstances.  Thanks in advance for your ongoing support. | |   Yours faithfully  A picture containing opener  Description automatically generated |
| Calum Johnston  Head Teacher |
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