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Head Teacher: Mrs P McCulloch

Date: 26 June 2020

Parents/Carers of children in P1-7

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your patience, understanding and support during school closure. I appreciate that this has been an extremely stressful time for our children, parents/carers and staff.

My staff and I have been working hand in hand with North Ayrshire Council to ensure that we bring children back to school as safely as possible whilst ensuring that robust risk assessments are in place.

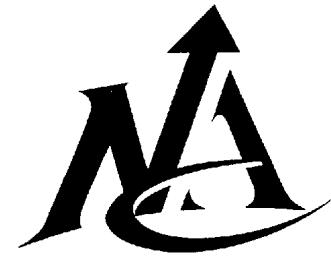
I would like to point out that staff were only allowed access to the school building on Monday 22 June and have continuously worked hard this week to ensure the school is ready to safely welcome our children back in August. Unfortunately this has meant that we have been unable to carry out our usual Transition Programmes. We have used digital platforms to provide a creative and alternative transition for all children:

- Mrs Craigen, P1 Class Teacher video on school website.
- 'Meet the Teacher' information sent to all children's Glow accounts.
- St Matthew's and Greenwood Transition videos on school Twitter accounts.
- P7 Leavers' Assembly via Teams.

I understand that you may still have lots of questions in light of current announcements. North Ayrshire Council will continue to provide updates to parents/carers during the summer holiday.

Some points to consider for August 2020:

- Children can bring a schoolbag.
- Children will be provided with all relevant stationery so no need to bring their own.
- Children must bring a water bottle **filled** with water as we are not allowed to use the water fountains in school.
- All toilets will be communal as only one child will have access at a time. Please note that classes have been allocated a particular toilet.
- Lunch will be served in the classroom.
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to ensure social distancing.
- Two gates will be used to safely enter and exit the school to minimise footfall. Current main gate specifically for Early Years – P3 children and former gate parallel to car park will be open for all P4-P7 children. Staff will of course be on hand to advise parents/carers and guide children.



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Please be assured that our children and our families remain at the heart of all that we do. I would ask that you continue to check North Ayrshire Council and our school website under 'School Closure and Remote Learning' section for updates during the summer holiday.

Given these uncertain times, I will of course continue to monitor the school email address during the summer holiday should you wish to contact me with any questions or concerns. The school email address is **stjohnogilvie@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk**

On behalf of everyone at St John Ogilvie Primary and Early Years, I wish to thank you once again for all your continued support and look forward to seeing you all in August.

Take care,

Pauline McCulloch

Mrs Pauline McCulloch
Head Teacher