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|  | |  | Education & Families  Tannochside Primary School  111 Douglas Street  Uddingston  G71 5RJ |
| Dear Parent / Carer, | | | |

Firstly I would like to thank you for your patience and support during the past few months. As you will have been aware, we have been busy updating our school recovery plans in line with Scottish Government and local authority guidance. It will be great to have all our children back, although school will be a bit different as the health and safety of our children is paramount.

Since North Lanarkshire Council has confirmed that we will operate a phased return this week children will be in school as follows:

Wednesday 12th August Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3

Thursday 13th August Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7

Friday 14th August All stages

Our playground has been organised into four coloured zones. This is to support access and egress of pupils and to reduce congestion areas. Adults are reminded that it is their responsibility to **socially distance** outwith the school gate, and we would politely ask you not to congregate once your child has entered the school campus.

When your child enters school, he/she will be asked to line up in the allocated zone. Staff will be on hand to support the children as we get used to this way of working. Children must arrive on time. This is new for all of us and we will no doubt have to reflect and evaluate systems.

I understand this may not suit every family however, we have to have the health and safety of staff and pupils at the forefront of our plans, and again, we will keep everything under review. NO ADULT SHOULD ENTER THE PLAYGROUND.

Please use active travel options if at all possible and I would ask you to consider parking a short distance from the school and walking the last part of your journey to avoid congestion around the campus. As we are using multiple entrances we are trying to minimise traffic on our campus for safety reasons. Please only drive in if absolutely necessary and only use the drop off zone. **Parking is not permitted** at this time and adults should remain in their vehicles whenever possible.

From Friday 14th August we will operate a staggered entry and exit to try and reduce congestion and help with social distancing.

Although primary aged children are not required to socially distance from each other, we still require to keep groupings together whenever possible and limit contact beyond their “bubble” whilst in school.

Prior to the holidays, staff prepared resource packs for every pupil in the school so pupils do not require to bring pencil cases, etc. School bags can be brought and pupils wishing to bring a water bottle or packed lunch may do so. Bottles have to be filled at home and cannot be refilled in school.

This week is very much about getting our children back to school and helping to familiarise them with our new procedures. Whilst not ideal, our new arrangements are designed with safety in mind and we will alter these as necessary. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Lumsden

Head Teacher.