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Dear Parent/Carer,

We appreciate you will be keen to know what your child's new timetable will look like when pupils start to return to school from Wednesday 12th August, and we can now share this.

The staff and I are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to Langbank Primary School and seeing you all again.

We understand that for all our children and families the past few months have not been easy, and our thanks go to you and your children for your patience and understanding.

This August will look different from any other year in that schools will return to a model of blended learning – with pupils learning in school on some days and from home on others.

We know this is not ideal but are sure you will appreciate the situation is unprecedented. We have worked hard to develop a model which delivers the best possible learning experience while taking every precaution to ensure the safety of pupils and staff, in line with government advice.

We will ensure physical distancing is maintained as much as possible and will do this through reduced class sizes and using all available space – however this obviously means not all pupils can be in school at the same time.

Your child's days in school

In all Renfrewshire primary schools, half of children (Group A) will attend on a Monday and Tuesday, and the other half (Group B) on a Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will allow teachers to have their contractual non-class contact time.

Your child will be in **Group B** and will attend on **Thursday and Friday each week, from Thursday 20th August.**

School days will run from 9am to 3pm. As we are a small school, we will not require a staggered start or exit from the school. A staff member will be present to facilitate entry and exit and to support social distancing

We have ensured that all siblings attend on the same day. We realise we may not be able to satisfy every family's circumstances, and for this we both apologise and thank you for your understanding and support.

How long these arrangements continue depends entirely on advice and guidance from the Scottish Government. We will keep you updated on what that means for you and your family as and when that advice changes.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

First week back

The first week back will look different because schools will open to pupils on Wednesday 12th August, so this is a shorter school week.

We want to ensure everyone gets back to school at some point during that week so arrangements for those three days will be different.

In that first week, your child will attend on Friday 14th August.

Primary 1 and Primary 7 will receive further information regarding Wednesday 12th August. Details of your child's class and teacher will be issued on Wednesday 24th June.

Other information

We appreciate the new model throws up a lot of questions. We will be putting in place a new model of home learning, with teachers able to provide a level of support on the days your child is learning from home, and materials will be made available.

Childcare will be available for the children of key workers on the days they are not in school. You can find out more information on the council's website. We know the new model has implications for school transport and these are still being worked on.

The council's website has a detailed Q&A full of information for parents and carers – so please see <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

A reminder that we have offered the option to relax our school uniform as a temporary measure. Children may wear a school polo shirt and school jumper with more comfortable bottoms such as dark coloured jogging trousers or leggings. Children may also wear trainers which will be more suitable for outdoor learning.

We know many parents have questions specific to our school. Please refer to the Parental Guidance on the school website.

If you have any questions which aren't answered in the Q&A please don't hesitate to contact us directly at langbankenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk Once again, we thank you for your understanding at this difficult time. We look forward to seeing you all again in August and we will be doing everything we can to make your return to school as smooth as possible.

As always should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at langbankenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Ferguson
Head teacher

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn