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Dear Parent/Carer

Ballantrae Primary School and Early Years **Parents' Information** **Return to school – August 2020**

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Thank you for your patience and support as we try to organise the safe return of your children to school after the summer holidays. As you will all now be aware, the Deputy First Minister announced on Tuesday that he hoped all children will now return to school, full time, in August. Following this, you will have received a letter outlining the position of South Ayrshire Council in terms of your child's return.

In our school, our plans remain mostly the same. The difference being that from Monday, August 17th, your child will return to school full time. Prior to this date, your child will have an induction day as follows:

Tuesday 11 th August:	Teacher In-service Day
Wednesday 12 th August:	Children in Primary 1 and Early Years New Starts , will attend school and early years from 9am until 10.30am
Thursday 13 th August:	Children originally identified as being in group A (attending Monday/Tuesday) will attend school from 9am until 3pm
Friday 14 th August:	Children originally identified as being in group B (attending Thursday/Friday) will attend school from 9am until 3pm.

Thereafter, all children will attend school from Monday 17th August starting at 9am each day, including Wednesday, as normal. A reminder of your child's group will be sent to you via Groupcall Expression on Tuesday 11th August.

However, this return to school is conditional on the continued decline in Covid 19 cases, and may revert to the original information sent out to you. Information will be sent to you in August, prior to children returning to school.

Some other points of information:

- School transport has yet to be confirmed
- School lunches will remain as a packed lunch for those who wish to have one provided by the school, until otherwise
- Snacks will be provided by the school
- Children will eat in their classrooms
- Children will have staggered breaks and lunchtimes
- Children should not bring school bags or any other items from home.
- Homework will remain digital
- Children should dress accordingly for outdoor learning and PE in order to minimise changing clothes in school (please wear a school sweatshirt).
- Early years change of clothes will be put into a cloth bag, supplied by school, for ease of washing

- Only one parent should accompany children to school
- Parents should remain out with the school playground unless P1 or Early Years
- Visits to school should be by appointment only
- Parents should continue to adhere to social distancing requirements
- Staff will continue to adhere to social distancing requirements
- We are still awaiting clarification for the return of Early Years children. This will follow at some point.
- At this point, staffing and class structures are as follows:

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Early Years: Mrs Lorimer, Ms Clark, Mrs Kosak

P1/2/3: Mrs Brough and Mrs Mackintosh/Ms McHallum

P4/5: Mrs Sloan and replacement school assistant (appointment in replacement of Mrs Drummond)

P6/7: Ms Armour and Ms McCathie

Mrs Ball, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hatfield & Mr Whitehurst (janitorial), Mrs Robertson (pupil support)

Mrs Gregg will be on maternity leave and cover has still to be appointed.

Over the summer, I will endeavour to keep you informed. Meanwhile, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing all of our children again in August.

Yours sincerely



Yvonne Templeton
Head Teacher