

## People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday the First Minister announced that schools will open for children on 11th August. Teachers will be able to return to school in June to prepare for this to happen safely and plan for a new model of blended learning, part time in school and part time at home.

We will receive guidance from South Ayrshire Council and then work on the specific requirements for Barassie Primary and Early Years Centre.

Children will return to school in groups to allow social distancing and risk assessments will be in place for all. There will be staggered entry and exit times to prevent crowds gathering at the school gates.

I am particularly mindful of the needs of children at stages of transition to Primary 1 and to S1 and parents of these year groups will be aware of welcome videos and virtual tours as well as information about the next stage. Primary 7 children will have work set by the Marr College English department loaded onto their team next week to give them a taste of work in S1. We will continue to do everything we can to make these transitions as smooth as possible.

Children going into P2- P7 will be supported in transition to next session by their current class teacher where possible.

The staff at Barassie have been creative in providing a wide variety of learning activities and worked hard to support parents to access online learning. This while they have been teaching their own children and looking after family members as you have too. We really are 'all in this together' and we, like you, look forward to being back at school when it is safe and with the appropriate measures in place.

I will provide more information as it becomes available but in the meantime wish you a good holiday weekend. Online learning will return on Wednesday 27th May after the In Service Day on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda Clarkson'.

Linda Clarkson  
Head Teacher