

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have been planning for the children to return from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Following this letter you will receive an email letting you know the days your child is in from August and who their teacher will be. A **Guide for Families** explaining the measures in place to keep everyone safe and how learning part time in school and part time at home will work, is attached.

We are operating a two day rotation with approximately half the children in school on and Monday and Tuesday starting 17<sup>th</sup> August and the other half of the children in on Thursday and Friday starting 20<sup>th</sup> August. The Wednesday will be used for teachers to plan home and school learning, support Teams/ Seesaw, have teacher non contact time and provide time for deep cleaning. Some children may have additional teaching time on a Wednesday and the school may also be providing childcare for key workers.

As children have spent a considerable amount of time away from the school environment, we have planned transition days for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, with the two day rotation starting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August as outlined above. Please find details of the transition visits below:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August:** EYC and Primary One children only (times will be included in your email)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August:** Children in Group A EYC-P7 (Monday and Tuesday following staggered entry and exit)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Children in Group B EYC-P7 (Thursday and Friday following staggered entry and exit)

I wish our current P7 pupils all the very best as they move onto Marr College and assure new families in Primary One and the Early Years Centre of a warm welcome to Barassie Primary from the staff team here.

### Summer Assembly

We have planned a Summer Assembly to be released on the morning of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate achievements and memories of our Primary Seven leavers. This will be a link on the website and sent to the children on Teams and Seesaw. Our Primary Seven Pupils will come into school that afternoon socially distanced, in small groups to collect their Year Book and say goodbye. The Primary Seven Class can all be on Teams together for this occasion.

### Staffing Update

- Miss Rosie Eggo has been accepted to do her teaching qualification and is leaving Barassie at the end of June. She has contributed so much to support pupils in the school, with after school clubs and ensure we were represented at sports competitions. We wish her well in her future career.
- Ms Coryla Jones will not be returning following her maternity leave as she is moving with her family to the Highlands.
- Ms Morgan Stones has resigned from her post at Barassie Primary School. She has taught at Barassie Primary for five years and we thank her for her contribution to the school during this time. We wish her well in the future.
- Ms Jane Beattie's contract finishes in June and we wish her well.
- Ms Rhona McCrae and Mr Tommy Taylor have been supporting planning and will move to different schools after the summer.
- Mrs Karen Simpson's contract finishes in June and we wish her well for the future.
- We welcome Miss Natalie McKay who will teach at Primary 4 and Miss Claire Ryland who will

teach at Primary 2. We look forward to welcoming them to the staff team at Barassie.

- Mrs Julie Fleming will be Acting Head Teacher and Mrs Jennifer Mills will be Acting DHT.
- Mrs Landon will be Acting Principal Teacher 0.5 FTE with a remit of tracking Pupil Equity Fund interventions, parental engagement and Outdoor Learning. She will still be teaching in Primary 1.
- Ms Caroline Nelson will be Acting Principal Teacher 0.5 FTE with a remit of Tracking Pupil Equity Fund interventions for Maths and Literacy and supporting families to engage with their children's learning.

## Revised School Holidays

Due to an earlier return date in August than planned, school holidays have been revised. Find the link [here](#).

I want to thank parents, children and staff for their kind words and good wishes as I prepare to leave at the end of June. I will take this opportunity to thank the excellent staff team at Barassie for their hard work, creativity and resilience during this period when they have risen to the challenge of changing the way they work. The support and understanding of our families at this time has been greatly appreciated and your feedback has helped shape our blended learning approaches.

The team at Barassie are looking forward to seeing Primary One and Primary Seven next week and everyone in August. I trust that you all have a good summer.

Yours faithfully



Linda Clarkson  
Head Teacher