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Dear Parents and Carers



Hello to all our families. We were delighted to hear the First Minister announce on Tuesday that the plan for p4-7 children to return to school on Monday March 15th will go ahead, so long as the transmission rates of the virus remain low. I am sure that families will be so relieved to be able to have all children back together in school, and for parents to resume some normality in their own working lives. As I have said many times, we do not underestimate the challenges that families have faced in terms of remote learning and I would like once again to thank those parents who supported, guided, and no doubt nagged at times to have work tasks completed and uploaded to Teams.

Staff are now working to ensure that all our pupils and staff return to a safe and secure learning environment. We have been so heartened to see our youngest pupils return to school happy and settled, and so we are confident that our p4-7 pupils will have that same return. We will outline the guidance for p4-7 pupils and families next week as additional mitigations will have to be considered.

There is a letter from Douglas Hutchison, Director of Education attached to the round up today.



Childcare Hub for children of Key Workers and vulnerable learners from P4-7 will continue until Friday March 12th. Parents should continue to communicate with school staff regarding attendance pattern, and only use the Hub if all adults within the household cannot work from home and an application has been processed. Pupils attending the Hub should still enter through the main doors, and should not come before 9am. Please consider that parents of children in EYC will also be in the playground and so social distancing is essential.

Many Thanks!



We thank you for your support in trying to ensure that there are not large numbers of parents in the playground at any one time. It is also worth reminding parents that masks SHOULD be worn within all areas of the school grounds, and that the school car park SHOULD NOT be used for drop off or pick up.



Adults in school will always maintain at least 2m social distance between themselves and their colleagues. We will be working with the children to try to ensure there is more distance than we had before between adults and children during work tasks. Children do not need to social distance from other children, but we will be talking

to them on their return about the distance between them and the adults they work with at times throughout the school day.



Lunches for P1-3 children, as well as those attending the Hub will be as follows:

Week 3	Sandwich	Soup	Main	Dessert
Monday	Turkey Sandwich		Chicken curry with rice and peas	Carrot Cake with or without Custard
Tuesday	Cheese Sandwich		Steak Pie with potatoes and turnip	Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Tuna Sandwich		Quorn chilli with boiled rice	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Chicken Sandwich		Macaroni Cheese and broccoli	Apple Crumble with or without custard.
Friday	Egg Mayo Sandwich		Fish Fingers with beans and potatoes	Frozen yoghurt -Raspberry or Toffee

EYC children will continue to eat lunch in the playrooms, and P1-3 children will have lunch delivered to their classrooms.



EYC

On Monday, the online registration process for EYC places from August will open. South Ayrshire Council have created a Landing Page for parents where you can find out loads of information about EYC establishments as well as the options available for families.

The link to the landing page and to the online registration is below:

<https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/26976>

Please note, the registration process will not go live until Monday 8th March.

Our EYC team have created a short video clip to showcase our setting, particularly with new families in mind. You can see it on our Twitter page or access it using this link:

<https://twitter.com/sacearlyyears/status/1367585437129220099?s=24>

Remember, if your child is returning as a pre school child, or a deferred child in August, you still have to register next week!! The process will ask you to scan or upload a copy of your child's birth certificate, as well as proof of residency so have them to hand before you start the application process. If in any doubt, either chat to Ali, or any member of the EYC team, or call the school office on 01292 612491



Hopefully, all families received a letter yesterday about a Parent Information session happening later this month in partnership with Ayr Academy. We are really keen for as many parents as possible to attend, regardless of the age and stage of your children currently. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey in advance of the

meeting on the 23rd March. Survey will close on Friday 12th March. We will use Zoom as a platform for the event and links to join will be sent out before the event. Here is the link to the survey in case you haven't seen it yet.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKSIJ4OBJDEBJotUmbdU3zPtUMFUzNU84SkNNMFbHVFI2QUdBnkdfMzQ3TS4u>



Comic Relief Day is Friday March 19th this year. I am delighted that Miss Morrison, and the children of P3 have taken some ownership of the organization of a few fun tasks linked to this charitable event. We are hoping that by raising awareness of the charity, families may wish to donate at home. We will not be asking for donations this year in school. More details of this will follow. Great leadership P3!!!



Coylton Primary have once again embraced the recent South Ayrshire Council Sumdog Competition. This time round, I am delighted to report that Miss Dickie's P5 class came 2nd out of almost 100 classes across South Ayrshire! They were only 54 points short of 1st place!!! Not only that, Kirsty in P6 came top in the individual students board, with Anna and Cormac in P5 coming 5th and 8th! Fantastic achievement from our mathletes once again!!!



Miss Burns, our violin instructor has been mightily impressed with the commitment of our violinists during this lockdown period! They have been engaging so well in online lessons, and she is pleased that almost all will compete in the Ayrshire Music Festival, being held virtually this year! We wish them all the very best of luck and I am sure they will do themselves and their school proud!



The Scottish Government have yet to set out plans for the physical return to school for pupils in P4, 5, 6 and 7 classes. The First Minister did make comment about the hope that they will return on March 15th, however we are hoping for confirmation of this on Tuesday next week. For the moment, those pupils will continue to work with their class teachers remotely.

Can I help you?



As always, we are here and we are listening. If you have any concern, may it be large or small, please get in touch either through a phone call or email and let us help! We are partners in your child's life and have their welfare at the heart of all we do! Have a great weekend, we will see EYC-P3 back on Monday, and for ONE MORE WEEK P4-7, work hard remotely and we will see you all again soon!

Mrs Donnelly

