

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents and Carers



Good morning everyone and Happy Friday! We can hardly believe that a year ago right now, we were writing to you to tell you that school was closing indefinitely!!! We would never have thought that our doors would stay closed for the remainder of the year!

We have had another positive week back in school this week, with our children and staff all settled back into familiar routines. It has been so good to see classes making the most of the outdoor spaces in our school campus, and that they are coming to school dressed for the ever changing weather. Just a reminder, that ventilation in all areas of school is vitally important right now and so we do advise that children wear layers to school in order to keep warm.



Next week, we are in school for 4 days as Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is Good Friday. The Easter weekend kick starts our 2 week spring holiday, and so school will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Similar to our Christmas Countdown, we have Easter themed activities planned for all classes across the 4 days next week, and each child will come home on Thursday with a tasty gift from the Parent Council! Our thanks go to them for supplying these treats to our school. Staff and pupils will return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April!

Children in the EYC who's attendance pattern is 52 weeks will still be eligible to attend for their normal sessions during the Spring holiday with the exception on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please let staff know if you intend your child to attend. Children who attend EYC on a term time pattern should not attend at all during the 2 week holiday.



Term 4 is the final term of our school session, and what a year it has been for all pupils! Next term, we will be looking very much at transition, and in particular those making the move from EYC to P1 and from P7 to S1. Ali and the EYC team are already working with school staff to plan a robust transition programme for our pre school children, and they will be in touch to consult with EYC parents soon.

We are also planning some activities for our P7 pupils to enable them to develop their leadership skills further in Term 4 including a weekly online assembly for all classes, and leading the learning in classes through Teams. We are also hopeful that we can take p7 children to Dolphin House to experience the daytime, outdoor activities – just not the residential part. More information will come around this.



Lunches for P1-7 will be following the reduced menu that we have had in place for a few weeks now. The menu for next week is as follows:

Week 1	Sandwich	Soup	Main	Dessert
Monday	Turkey Sandwich		Chicken Curry with boiled rice and peas	Carrot Cake with or without Custard
Tuesday	Cheese Sandwich		Steak Pie with potatoes and turnips	Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Tuna Sandwich		Quorn Chilli with Boiled rice	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Chicken Sandwich		Macaroni Cheese with Broccoli	Apple Crumble with or without custard.

ALL children will have lunch delivered to their classrooms.

It is worth pointing out that after the holiday, there will be a change to the weekly menus. I will send out the new menus on the round up next week.

We will also have children in P1 having lunch within the dining hall after the holiday. All other children will continue to have lunch delivered to their classrooms.



Thank you to all families who joined us on Zoom with Ayr Academy on Tuesday evening. We had presentations from various members of Ayr staff, as well as from current Ayr pupils and previous Ayr pupils, including our very own Miss Cowie! It was such an informative event, and it was clear how much the staff provide support and nurture to all young people based on their deep knowledge of them!.

We had only a few families from Coylton able to join us on the night, and in order to allow all families the opportunity to hear from staff and young people, the event was recorded. Class teachers here in school will upload the recording onto Teams, and P4-7 classes will also watch some parts of it in school. Please see below the link to view the event. We are happy to answer any questions you may have, or to receive any feedback you may have.

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If possible, could parents please supply children with 2 water bottles each day – one for the morning and one for the afternoon as the water dispenser is not accessible to pupils at this time. We can supply a drink if a child needs one, but it would be best if they brought enough to last the day.



Following the Easter holidays, we will start homework back up again, using Teams. We will not be asking children to complete homework before the holidays.



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



Enjoy the weekend everyone, and let's all continue to work together to ensure that our community is safe! With the roll out of the vaccine, and a recovery road map in place, there is a little light and hope in sight!

Mrs Donnelly